

House Resolution 336

By: Representatives Welch of the 110th, Gardner of the 57th, Houston of the 170th, Dempsey of the 13th, Efstration of the 104th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 12, 2015, as Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking Awareness Day at the
2 state capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, domestic minor sex trafficking (DMST) is a horrific crime perpetrated by adult
4 men and women who abuse children through commercial exploitation; and

5 WHEREAS, according to Georgia Cares, the state-wide system of care, 1,117 referrals for
6 exploited and trafficked children have been received since 2009; and

7 WHEREAS, according to youthSpark, a scientific study of men who buy sex with young
8 females found that 7,200 men pay for sex with adolescent females each month in Georgia,
9 accounting for 8,700 paid sex acts, and a significant portion of these men are repeat
10 customers; and

11 WHEREAS, hundreds of grassroots activists will gather at the state capitol on February 12,
12 2015, to raise awareness about the need to end domestic minor sex trafficking in Georgia;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Georgia Cares, Street Grace, youthSpark, and Wellspring Living have worked
15 together to organize and empower tens of thousands of grassroots activists across the State
16 of Georgia to end DMST.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
18 the members of this body recognize February 12, 2015, as Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking
19 Day at the state capitol.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
21 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to
22 Georgia Cares, Street Grace, youthSpark, and Wellspring Living.