

House Resolution 560

By: Representatives Hugley of the 136th, Smyre of the 135th, Buckner of the 137th, Smith of the 134th, and Pezold of the 133rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Martin Luther King, Jr., Outdoor Learning Center and Turn Around
2 Columbus; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Columbus, Georgia, has a long and rich African-American history; and

4 WHEREAS, across the country historic landmarks have proven to attract economic
5 development and enhance tourism; and

6 WHEREAS, many historic locations and events in Columbus, Georgia, are unidentified and
7 too often forgotten; and

8 WHEREAS, the Martin Luther King, Jr., Outdoor Learning Center, a project of Turn Around
9 Columbus, highlights 18 historic locations and events, along with those previously
10 designated on the Black Heritage Trail; and

11 WHEREAS, the center provides an opportunity to educate youth and was inaugurated by
12 Rothschild Leadership Academy students presenting historic vignettes on site of each new
13 location; and

14 WHEREAS, the center is built on the success achieved by the Carver Heights Against Drugs,
15 South Westview Against Drugs, Columbus Against Drugs, and the other Columbus
16 drugfighters; the ongoing efforts of George Washington Carver High School and Principal
17 Chris Lindsey; and the Fluellen Recreation Center; and

18 WHEREAS, Turn Around Columbus has issued a February challenge to Columbus youth
19 and all groups, organizations, businesses, and churches working with Columbus youth to
20 suggest unique and innovative ways the outdoor learning center can be utilized; and

21 WHEREAS, citizens and visitors, young and old, nonprofit groups and organizations, and
22 area businesses are encouraged to take advantage of the Martin Luther King, Jr., Outdoor
23 Learning Center.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
25 the members of this body commend the Martin Luther King, Jr., Outdoor Learning Center
26 and Turn Around Columbus for enhancing educational and tourism opportunities vital to
27 community and economic development and commend Rothschild Leadership Academy
28 Principal Dr. Michael R. Forte; teachers Dr. Lashaunda Norman and Ms. Tamiya Blythers;
29 and students Eamarol Alexander, Chantel Bass, Rayshon Forter, Arianna Fowler, Kniya
30 Hancock, Celeste Harris, Mickell Haynes, Jascam Jusper, Alexander King, Delray Stephens,
31 Jr., and Shelly Stephens for developing a pilot curriculum for the Martin Luther King, Jr.,
32 Outdoor Learning Center.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
34 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Dr.
35 Michael R. Forte, Dr. Lashaunda Norman, Ms. Tamiya Blythers, Eamarol Alexander,
36 Chantel Bass, Rayshon Forter, Arianna Fowler, Kniya Hancock, Celeste Harris, Mickell
37 Haynes, Jascam Jusper, Alexander King, Delray Stephens, Jr., and Shelly Stephens.