

House Resolution 1107

By: Representatives Ballinger of the 23rd, Holmes of the 129th, Houston of the 170th, Dempsey of the 13th, Beskin of the 54th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 2, 2016, as Stop Violence Against Women Day at the state capitol;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, domestic violence is a leading cause of injury to American women, and
4 witnessing such violence can have a devastating emotional effect on children; and

5 WHEREAS, according to the Violence Policy Center, the State of Georgia currently ranks
6 17th in the nation for the rate of men killing women; and

7 WHEREAS, from inner cities to rural communities, domestic violence and sexual assault
8 affects individuals of every age, culture, class, gender, sexual orientation, race, and religion;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, in 2013, according to family violence incident reports, Georgia's law
11 enforcement agencies reported 68,313 incidents of family violence; in 2014, the 46 state
12 certified domestic violence programs in Georgia received 61,415 crisis calls, and the 22 state
13 certified sexual assault centers in Georgia received 8,819 crisis calls; and

14 WHEREAS, law enforcement, local and state agencies, community groups, and business and
15 faith based organizations must work together to identify effective intervention strategies,
16 education programs, and prevention programs that will disrupt the cycle of violence; and

17 WHEREAS, the Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence, the Georgia Commission on
18 Family Violence, and the Georgia Network to End Sexual Assault encourage a coordinated
19 community response to abating this epidemic; and

20 WHEREAS, we commend, with much gratitude, the dedicated efforts of the professionals
21 and volunteers who make it their mission to stop violence against women by offering

22 protection, guidance, encouragement, and compassion to survivors of domestic violence and
23 sexual assault across this great state.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
25 the members of this body recognize February 2, 2016, as Stop Violence Against Women Day
26 at the state capitol.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
28 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
29 public and the press.