

House Resolution 1552

By: Representatives Dawkins-Haigler of the 91st and Stephenson of the 90th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Angie's House, Inc.; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Angie's House, Inc., created out of a need to bring attention to children and
3 youth who are exposed to violence in the home, focuses on breaking the cycle of abuse and
4 helping the community understand that intimate partner violence affects children and youth
5 regardless of race, ethnicity, class, sexual and gender identity, religious affiliation, age, or
6 immigration status; and

7 WHEREAS, research shows that children exposed to domestic violence are at risk to repeat
8 their experiences in the next generation, either as victims or perpetrators of violence in their
9 own intimate relationships; and

10 WHEREAS, children and youth exposed to violence are also at a higher risk of engaging in
11 criminal behavior later in life and becoming part of a cycle of violence; and

12 WHEREAS, Angie's House, Inc., conducts forums and workshops to engage youth and their
13 parents or guardians on topics directly related to violence and youth, including Voices, the
14 organization's performance arts committee; Anti-Bullying Workshops at DeKalb County's
15 Stonecrest Library and Rockdale County's Nancy Guinn Memorial Library; the Teen Dating
16 Violence Prevention Awareness Forum in DeKalb County which was held in February of this
17 year; and teen dating violence prevention awareness month which was held at the Stonecrest
18 Library and the Nancy Guinn Memorial Library; and

19 WHEREAS, the nonprofit also created a Youth Advisory Council composed of youth who
20 engage in peer counseling with tweens and teens who need it through the platform of a radio
21 show as youth call in with their issues, speaking directly to someone who looks, talks, and
22 sounds like them, though an adult is always on hand to ensure that if anything of a serious
23 or criminal nature is brought up, the information can be reported to the appropriate
24 authorities; and

25 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the exemplary accomplishments of this
26 distinguished organization be appropriately recognized.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
28 the members of this body commend Angie's House, Inc., for its dedicated public service to
29 the State of Georgia.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
31 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
32 Angie's House, Inc.