

House Resolution 440

By: Representatives Efration of the 104th, Welch of the 110th, Oliver of the 82nd, Houston of the 170th, England of the 116th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 28, 2017, as Sex Trafficking Awareness Day at the state capitol; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, sex trafficking is a form of modern day slavery where people profit from the
4 control and exploitation of others and is a horrific crime perpetrated against women and
5 children; and

6 WHEREAS, sex trafficking is one of the fastest growing criminal enterprises in the world,
7 and according to the International Labour Organization, profits obtained from commercial
8 sexual exploitation are estimated at \$99 billion per year globally; and

9 WHEREAS, according to a 2014 study by the Urban Institute, the underground sex industry
10 in Atlanta grew from \$238 million to \$290 million from 2003 to 2007, which was a 22
11 percent increase; and

12 WHEREAS, according to Georgia Cares, the state-wide system of care, more than 1,800
13 referrals for exploited and trafficked children have been received since August, 2009; and

14 WHEREAS, hundreds of grassroots activists will gather at the state capitol on February 28,
15 2017, to raise awareness about the need to end sex trafficking in Georgia; and

16 WHEREAS, Georgia Cares, Street Grace, the United Way of Greater Atlanta, Out of
17 Darkness, Wellspring Living, and City of Refuge have worked together to organize and
18 empower tens of thousands of grassroots activists across the State of Georgia to end sex
19 trafficking.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
21 the members of this body recognize February 28, 2017, as Sex Trafficking Awareness Day
22 at the state capitol.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
24 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to
25 Georgia Cares, Street Grace, Out of Darkness, City of Refuge, Wellspring Living, and the
26 United Way of Greater Atlanta.