

House Resolution 1434

By: Representatives Welch of the 110th, Gardner of the 57th, Reeves of the 34th, Jasperse of the 11th, and Dickey of the 140th

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Georgia Department of Education to consider whether any course credit,
2 recognition, or other benefit may be conferred upon students who have foreign travel
3 experience involving substantial and instructive exposure to a foreign country, including, but
4 not limited to, the foreign country's culture, society, languages, religions, history, art,
5 economy, politics, geography, and cuisine; and for other purposes.

6 WHEREAS, Georgia has been named the top state in the nation for business several years
7 consecutively; is home to many of the largest companies in the nation and the world; is home
8 to research, medical, and academic institutions with international reputations; and is home
9 to the world's busiest airport and two major international shipping ports of entry; and

10 WHEREAS, Georgia already recognizes the importance of biliteracy and international skills
11 with diploma seals for students who meet the criteria for such seals; and

12 WHEREAS, many Georgia students have foreign travel experiences that involve substantial
13 and instructive exposure to the cultures, societies, languages, religions, history, art,
14 economies, politics, geographies, and cuisines of foreign countries; and

15 WHEREAS, Georgia students, businesses, and research, medical, and academic institutions
16 would benefit from having a manner of identifying and recognizing those students who have
17 successfully completed a foreign travel experience that involves substantial and instructive
18 exposure to the culture, society, languages, religions, history, art, economy, politics,
19 geography, and cuisine of a foreign country; and

20 WHEREAS, Georgia currently does not have a manner of conferring any course credit,
21 recognition, or other benefit upon such students.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
23 the members of this body urge the Department of Education to consider whether any course

24 credit, recognition, or other benefit may be conferred upon students who have foreign travel
25 experience involving substantial and instructive exposure to a foreign country, including, but
26 not limited to, the foreign country's culture, society, languages, religions, history, art,
27 economy, politics, geography, and cuisine.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
29 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
30 Georgia Department of Education.