

House Resolution 1353

By: Representatives Santos of the 117th, New of the 40th, Camp of the 135th, Gunter of the 8th, Crawford of the 89th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence (GCADV) began as the
3 Georgia Network Against Domestic Violence in 1980 under the leadership of Jean Marcinko
4 with five charter members, including the Columbus Alliance for Battered Women, the
5 Council on Battered Women in Atlanta, the Council on Battered Women in Athens, the
6 S.A.F.E. Shelter in Savannah, and the YWCA Crisis Center in Cobb County; and

7 WHEREAS, the coalition provides information and support to members and local groups,
8 promotes services and prevention to families in domestic violence situations, promotes public
9 awareness and education of the problem of domestic violence and possible prevention
10 strategies, and functions as a unified body and a resource to the State regarding legislation,
11 reforms, funding and prevalence of domestic violence; and

12 WHEREAS, for the past 25 years, thousands of advocates have convened at the Georgia
13 State Capitol to be a voice for change and improve the lives of survivors of domestic and
14 sexual violence in the state of Georgia as a part of GCADV's efforts to end domestic
15 violence; and

16 WHEREAS, GCADV stands with survivors by partnering with the Georgia Commission on
17 Family Violence and the Georgia Network to End Sexual Assault and other advocacy
18 organizations for Stop Violence Against Women Day at the Georgia Capitol; and

19 WHEREAS, with the help of its partners and allies, GCADV has worked to pass meaningful
20 legislation that ensures the rights of survivors are protected and upheld, including the passage
21 of the Survivor Justice Act, adding pets to protective order petitions, establishing an address
22 confidentiality program, creating a pathway for justice for victims of dating violence,
23 allowing victims of domestic violence and stalking to break their lease without penalty and
24 establishing domestic violence as a "good cause" for receiving unemployment benefits for
25 those who have to leave their jobs, and allowing survivors to include child support as relief
26 in temporary protective orders.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
28 the members of this body recognize and commend the Georgia Coalition Against Domestic
29 Violence.

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 the
32 Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence.