

## House Resolution 642

By: Representatives Dickey of the 140<sup>th</sup>, Evans of the 57<sup>th</sup>, Jasperse of the 11<sup>th</sup>, Holmes of the 129<sup>th</sup>, Anderson of the 10<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the REACH Georgia Scholarship Program upon the occasion  
2 of its 10th anniversary; recognizing February 10, 2022, as REACH Georgia Day at the state  
3 capitol; commending the REACH Georgia program coordinators, mentors, academic  
4 coaches, and supporters for their dedicated service to the lives of REACH Scholars; and for  
5 other purposes.

6 WHEREAS, REACH (Realizing Educational Achievement Can Happen) Georgia is the State  
7 of Georgia's first need-based mentorship and college scholarship program; and

8 WHEREAS, by the year 2025, projections estimate that 60 percent of jobs in Georgia will  
9 require a post secondary certificate or degree; and

10 WHEREAS, ten years after the launch as a key component of the Complete College Georgia  
11 Initiative, all 180 public school districts and more than 60 Georgia colleges are participating  
12 in the REACH Georgia program; and

13 WHEREAS, thousands of academically promising Georgia students of limited financial  
14 means have been identified as REACH Scholars, paired with academic and community

15 mentors, and promised up to \$10,000 in scholarships at Georgia HOPE eligible institutions;  
16 and

17 WHEREAS, members of civic, corporate, and faith-based communities throughout the state  
18 are coming together to volunteer through REACH Georgia by funding scholarships, serving  
19 as mentors and tutors, and providing college and career counseling to REACH Scholars; and

20 WHEREAS, these bright students now find themselves better prepared to graduate high  
21 school, enroll in a post secondary institution, and return as successful citizens to our  
22 communities and workforce.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
24 the members of this body recognize February 10, 2022, on the occasion of the program's 10th  
25 anniversary, as REACH Georgia Day at the state capitol and commend the REACH Georgia  
26 program coordinators, mentors, academic coaches, and supporters for their dedicated service  
27 to the lives of our REACH Scholars.

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 to the  
30 REACH Georgia Foundation Board.