

House Resolution 57

By: Representatives Donatucci of the 105th, Efstration of the 104th, Silcox of the 53rd, Hilton of the 48th, Reeves of the 99th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 11, 2025, 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 wherein people profit from the
4 control and exploitation of others and is a horrific crime perpetrated against women and
5 children; and

6 WHEREAS, in 2023, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children received more
7 than 18,400 reports of possible child sex trafficking; and

8 WHEREAS, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children estimates that 1 in 6
9 of the more than 28,800 cases of children reported missing in 2023 were likely victims of
10 child sex trafficking; and

11 WHEREAS, the latest numbers from the United States National Human Trafficking Hotline
12 indicate that 10,359 situations of human trafficking were reported in a year, involving 16,554
13 individual victims; and

14 WHEREAS, Georgia ranks second in number of calls to the National Human Trafficking
15 Hotline per capita, which shows that efforts to educate the public on signs of trafficking are
16 successful and should be ongoing; and

17 WHEREAS, the average age of entry into commercial sexual exploitation for minors served
18 by Street Grace in Georgia is 14 years old; and

19 WHEREAS, Street Grace has served minor sex trafficking victims from 80 counties in
20 Georgia; and

21 WHEREAS, Street Grace has provided services to more than 5,600 exploited individuals;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, grassroots activists will gather at the state capitol on February 11, 2025, to raise
24 awareness about the need to end sex trafficking in Georgia; and

25 WHEREAS, Street Grace has worked to organize and empower tens of thousands of
26 grassroots activists across the State of Georgia to end sex trafficking.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
28 the members of this body recognize February 11, 2025, as Sex Trafficking Awareness Day
29 at the state capitol.

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 Street
32 Grace.