

House Resolution 362

By: Representative Mitchell of the 88th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 20, 2025, as Girls Empowerment Day; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Trinity Girls Network, founded in July 2016 by Outstanding Georgia Citizen
3 Award winner Dr. Jacqueline Mohair, persistently works toward the empowerment of girls
4 and young women through a three-pronged approach: ending violence against girls and
5 women, preparing girls for success, and providing opportunities through education; and

6 WHEREAS, Trinity Girls Network extends its impact internationally, including through its
7 efforts in Zambia, where it provides critical support such as food, clothing, and toys to girls
8 in need, furthering its mission to empower and uplift; and

9 WHEREAS, Trinity Girls Network operates as a non-governmental organization with
10 consultative status under the United Nations Economic and Social Council, allowing it to
11 advocate for the rights and empowerment of women and girls on a global stage and aligning
12 its work with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals; and

13 WHEREAS, globally, 65 million girls and young women are not in school, 31 million girls
14 of primary school age are not in school, and 33 million fewer girls than boys attend primary
15 school, with 17 million of these girls never expected to attend school in their lifetimes; and

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16 WHEREAS, over 120 million young people between the ages of 15 and 24 cannot read or
17 write, with 61 percent of this group being women; and

18 WHEREAS, half of the children who are not in school live in conflict-ridden areas, and girls
19 make up 55 percent of this total; and

20 WHEREAS, nearly 70 million children worldwide lack access to basic education, and more
21 than half are girls, with evidence showing that educating a girl can break a cycle of poverty
22 in just one generation; and

23 WHEREAS, girls who receive an education marry later, have fewer children, earn higher
24 wages, and support healthier and more prosperous families, underscoring that the
25 empowerment of and investment in girls are key factors in breaking the cycle of
26 discrimination and violence, as well as promoting and protecting their full human rights; and

27 WHEREAS, girls with an extra year of education can earn 20 percent more as an adult, and
28 a child born to a mother who can read and write is 50 percent more likely to survive past the
29 age of five; moreover, educated mothers are more than twice as likely to send their children
30 to school; and

31 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia is blessed with hundreds of gifted girls and young women
32 whose full potential has yet to be fostered and developed; and

33 WHEREAS, education is the key to the empowerment of this state's girls and young women,
34 fostering the development of their minds and academic and leadership skills as well as
35 playing a vital role in shaping tomorrow's leaders; and

36 WHEREAS, the dynamic collaboration of Trinity Girls Network, The Dr. Pat Houston
37 Performing Arts Academy, The Organization of World Leaders, and The Whitney Houston
38 Foundation converges annually at the Georgia State Capitol, serving as a powerful catalyst
39 to empower the lives of young ladies and creating a transformative event that resonates
40 across the state and beyond.

41 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
42 the members of this body recognize February 20, 2025, as Girls Empowerment Day to
43 celebrate the accomplishments and potential of girls and young women and to encourage
44 continued efforts to invest in their futures through education and empowerment.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body express their deepest gratitude
46 to Trinity Girls Network and its partners, including its Zambia initiative and its consultative
47 efforts with the United Nations Economic and Social Council, for their unwavering
48 dedication to uplifting and transforming the lives of girls and young women both locally and
49 globally.

50 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
51 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
52 public and the press.