

House Resolution 2027

By: Representatives Bazemore of the 69th, Jones of the 47th, Hugley of the 141st, Smith of the 70th, and Carter of the 93rd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending First Lady Marty Kemp; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, First Lady Marty Kemp has led a coordinated and sustained effort in the State
3 of Georgia to combat human trafficking through legislative initiatives, enforcement
4 strategies, and victim-centered programs that strengthen protections for survivors and
5 increase accountability for offenders; and
- 6 WHEREAS, beginning in 2019, key legislation expanded protections for child victims by
7 allowing emergency care without court order, prohibiting the prosecution of minors for
8 prostitution, and increasing penalties for crimes against children, while subsequent measures
9 provided survivors the ability to restrict access to arrest records, vacate convictions tied to
10 their victimization, and pursue private name changes to rebuild their lives; and
- 11 WHEREAS, her leadership led to the establishment of the GRACE Commission and the
12 Human Trafficking Prosecution Unit in 2019, which has recovered over 200 children and
13 secured more than 70 convictions, as well as the Human Exploitation and Trafficking Unit
14 in 2020; and

15 WHEREAS, in 2025, further legislative action ensured that the commercial sexual
16 exploitation of children is prosecuted as human trafficking, representing the tenth
17 trafficking-related measure advanced under her leadership and adopted unanimously by the
18 General Assembly; and

19 WHEREAS, these efforts have additionally been supported by the development of numerous
20 victim care initiatives, such as the establishment of Grace's Place in Gwinnett County, a
21 residential facility providing housing and comprehensive services to sexually exploited
22 children in foster care; and

23 WHEREAS, the leadership demonstrated through these legislative, enforcement, and victim
24 support efforts has greatly strengthened the State of Georgia's response to human trafficking
25 and improved outcomes for survivors; and

26 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding contributions of First
27 Lady Marty Kemp in advancing anti-human trafficking efforts and protecting vulnerable
28 individuals be appropriately honored.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body commend First Lady Marty Kemp for her exemplary leadership
31 in combating human trafficking in the State of Georgia as well as extend best wishes for
32 continued success.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
34 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to First
35 Lady Marty Kemp.