

House Resolution 1127

By: Representatives Jackson of the 64th, Stephens of the 165th, Gordon of the 163rd, Bazemore of the 63rd, and Bonner of the 72nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 21, 2018, as Substance Abuse Prevention Day at the state capitol; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Voices for Prevention Georgia is a state-wide advocacy collaborative composed
4 of substance abuse prevention professionals, service providers, community coalition
5 members, and individuals working together to increase recognition of addiction as a chronic
6 disease; and

7 WHEREAS, addiction, like other chronic diseases, can be prevented, and research supports
8 the fact that, despite the impact of personal and cultural factors on drug trends, prevention
9 programs involving families, communities, and media are an effective means of reducing and
10 preventing drug use and addiction; and

11 WHEREAS, high school students from Fayette County's AVPRIDE youth leadership
12 program have taken charge in order to change the perceptions of youth and adults alike
13 regarding alcohol; and

14 WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Alcohol Abuse
15 and Alcoholism, alcohol consumed by persons under the age of 21 serves a major public
16 health risk, and underage alcohol use is more likely to claim the lives of young people than
17 the use of all illegal drugs combined; and

18 WHEREAS, the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Inc., reports that
19 alcohol consumed by young people not only poses a threat to themselves, but also to society
20 as a whole, and that underage alcohol consumption is directly associated with traffic
21 fatalities, violence, suicide, educational failure, alcohol overdose, unprotected sex, and other
22 such problem behaviors; and

23 WHEREAS, Voices for Prevention, together with Fayette County's AVPRIDE youth
24 leadership program, encourages the citizens of Georgia to join in the effort to prevent the
25 disease of addiction via raising awareness about the harmful effects and consequences of
26 drug use.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
28 the members of this body recognize February 21, 2018, as Substance Abuse Prevention 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 appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
32 public and the press.