

House Resolution 1146

By: Representative Mitchell of the 88th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 19, 2020, as Girls Empowerment Day at the state capitol; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Organization of World Leaders, founded in December, 2016, by Dr. Dee
4 Dawkins-Haigler, and Trinity Girls Network, founded in July, 2016, by Dr. Jacqueline
5 Mohair, in partnership with the UN Global Awards strive to empower girls and young
6 women by using a three-stemmed approach: ending violence against girls and women,
7 preparing girls for success, and providing opportunity through education; and

8 WHEREAS, globally, 65 million girls and young women are not in school, 31 million girls
9 of primary school age are not in school, and 33 million fewer girls than boys attend primary
10 school; sadly, 17 million of these girls will never attend school in their lifetimes; and

11 WHEREAS, of the more than 120 million young people between the ages of 15 and 24 who
12 cannot read or write, 61 percent are women; and

13 WHEREAS, half of the children who are not in school live in conflict-ridden areas, and girls
14 make up 55 percent these children; and

15 WHEREAS, of nearly 70 million children worldwide who do not have access to a basic
16 education, more than half are girls; and evidence shows that educating a girl can break a
17 cycle of poverty in just one generation; and

18 WHEREAS, girls who get an education marry later, have fewer children, earn higher wages,
19 and support healthier and more prosperous families; the empowerment of and investment in
20 girls are key factors in breaking the cycle of discrimination and violence and are instrumental
21 in promoting and protecting the full and effective enjoyment of their human rights; and

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

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

28 WHEREAS, education is the key to the empowerment of this state's girls and young women,
29 fostering the development of their minds and their academic and leadership skills and playing
30 a vital role in shaping tomorrow's leaders.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
32 the members of this body recognize February 19, 2020, as Girls Empowerment Day at the
33 state capitol.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
35 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
36 Trinity Girls Network.