

House Resolution 1191

By: Representatives Marin of the 96th, Lopez Romero of the 99th, Kausche of the 50th, Kennard of the 102nd, and Moore of the 95th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending the Hispanic Organization Promoting Education; and for other
2 purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, education is paramount and necessary for promoting a successful life; and
- 4 WHEREAS, increasing high school graduation rates is of dire importance for society and has
5 been a mission of all elected officials throughout Georgia; and
- 6 WHEREAS, the mission and dream that began on the back of a napkin over a decade ago and
7 has grown to be the biggest latino high school organization in the Southeast, having served
8 over 5,500 Georgia students focusing on leadership development, professional development,
9 civic engagement, volunteering, and community service; and
- 10 WHEREAS, the Hispanic Organization Promoting Education (HOPE) is helping achieve this
11 milestone through leadership conferences, a leadership summit, and working in over 60 high
12 school chapters throughout 21 school districts in the State of Georgia which focus on
13 increasing the level of education, leadership, and student participation in the community for
14 students; and
- 15 WHEREAS, HOPE currently serves over 3,500 students on a yearly basis while maintaining
16 a 100 percent graduation record for all high school seniors who have gone through the
17 program each and every year; and
- 18 WHEREAS, all HOPE chapter officers have gone on to pursue higher education and have
19 collectively been awarded over \$3,000,000.00 in scholarships; and
- 20 WHEREAS, HOPE has been recognized by cities, counties, Georgia, and the United States
21 government for its efforts; and

22 WHEREAS, HOPE has been recognized by a plethora of organizations and corporations for
23 its work on impacting high school graduation rates; and

24 WHEREAS, David and Angela Araya, the founders of the organization, have been
25 recognized at all levels for their selfless devotion to the lives of the youth they serve,
26 including but not limited to being recognized among the 50 Most Influential Latinos in the
27 State of Georgia and the *Atlanta Business Chronicle* 40 under 40; and

28 WHEREAS, HOPE has been able to create an engaging education program geared to
29 increase the graduation rates of high school students in Georgia, has focused on leadership
30 and community engagement, and has impacted the lives of thousands and even more to
31 come.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
33 the members of this body recognize, commend, and applaud the Hispanic Organization
34 Promoting Education for its valiant efforts to improve the educational experience and success
35 of thousands of Georgia high school students and for creating brighter leaders for tomorrow
36 and citizens more actively involved in the community.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
38 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
39 Hispanic Organization Promoting Education.