

House Resolution 1204

By: Representative Mitchell of the 88th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 20, 2024, 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 towards the empowerment of girls
4 and young women through a three-stemmed approach: ending violence against girls and
5 women; preparing girls for success; and providing opportunities through education; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

30 WHEREAS, the dynamic collaboration of Trinity Girls Network, The Dr. Pat Houston
31 Performing Arts Academy, The Organization of World Leaders, and The Whitney Houston
32 Foundation converges annually at the Georgia State Capitol, serving as a powerful catalyst
33 to empower the lives of young ladies as well as a transformative event that resonates across

34 the entire State of Georgia, attracting girls from diverse backgrounds to partake in the
35 impactful proceedings held at the state capitol.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
37 the members of this body recognize February 20, 2024, as Girls Empowerment Day.

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