

House Resolution 1458

By: Representatives Efration of the 104th, Jones of the 47th, Cooper of the 43rd, Gaines of the 117th, Welch of the 110th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 12, 2020, as Sex Trafficking Awareness Day at the state capitol; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, sex trafficking is a form of modern day slavery where people profit from the
4 control and exploitation of others and is a horrific crime perpetrated against women and
5 children; and

6 WHEREAS, sex trafficking is one of the fastest growing criminal enterprises in the world,
7 and according to the International Labour Organization, profits obtained from commercial
8 sexual exploitation are estimated at \$99 billion per year globally; and

9 WHEREAS, according to a 2014 study by the Urban Institute, the underground sex industry
10 in Atlanta grew from \$238 million to \$290 million from 2003 to 2007, which was a 22
11 percent increase; and

12 WHEREAS, hundreds of grassroots activists will gather at the state capitol on March 12,
13 2020, to raise awareness about the need to end sex trafficking in Georgia; and

14 WHEREAS, Georgia Cares, House of Cherith, Out of Darkness, and Street Grace have
15 worked together to organize and empower tens of thousands of grassroots activists across the
16 State of Georgia to end sex trafficking.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
18 the members of this body recognize March 12, 2020, as Sex Trafficking Awareness Day at
19 the state capitol.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
21 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to
22 Georgia Cares, House of Cherith, Out of Darkness, and Street Grace.