

House Resolution 215

By: Representatives Welch of the 110th, Efstoration of the 104th, Ballinger of the 23rd, Reeves of the 34th, Gilliard of the 162nd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the FBI Atlanta Field Office, the Violent Crimes Against
2 Children/Human Trafficking Program, the Metro Atlanta Child Exploitation (MATCH) Task
3 Force (which includes the Georgia Bureau of Investigation), and Georgia Cares; and for other
4 purposes.

5 WHEREAS, sex trafficking is an abominable and illicit trade that afflicts communities all
6 across the country and harms the well being of its many victims; and

7 WHEREAS, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Chris Hacker, the FBI Atlanta
8 Field Office oversaw an 11-day operation by the Violent Crimes Against Children/Human
9 Trafficking Program, Metro Atlanta Child Exploitation (MATCH) Task Force, and Georgia
10 Cares that resulted in 169 arrests and the recovery of nine juvenile sex-trafficking victims
11 and nine adult human trafficking victims; and

12 WHEREAS, the operation's goal was to raise awareness of sex trafficking by proactively
13 addressing the threat during the Super Bowl and events leading up the Super Bowl; and

14 WHEREAS, leading up to Super Bowl LIII, more than 25 local, state, and federal law
15 enforcement agencies and District Attorney's offices, along with seven nongovernmental
16 organizations, coordinated efforts to meet the stated goal of the operation; and

17 WHEREAS, these spirited professionals exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty,
18 outstanding loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all of their duties
19 in this effort; and

20 WHEREAS, guided by their vision that child sex trafficking will one day be eradicated,
21 Georgia Cares – the only state-wide nonprofit serving all youth in Georgia victimized by
22 commercial sexual exploitation and sex trafficking – works with victims of trafficking,
23 restoring survivors from this traumatic horror; and

24 WHEREAS, Georgia Cares provides ongoing rehabilitative services for rescued children,
25 including trauma informed treatment, therapy, medical care, and more; and

26 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that gratitude is expressed for the unique and
27 unparalleled contributions of these heroic opponents of sex trafficking.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body recognize and commend the care, courage, and selfless dedication
30 exhibited by the FBI Atlanta Field Office, the Violent Crimes Against Children/Human
31 Trafficking Program, the Metro Atlanta Child Exploitation (MATCH) Task Force, Georgia
32 Cares, and all other law enforcement and nongovernmental organizations that assisted in this
33 tremendous effort.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
35 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
36 public and the press.