

## House Resolution 583

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Encouraging replacement of the term "illegal alien" with the term "undocumented person"  
2 in the Official Code of Georgia Annotated; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia will be among the states committed to respecting global  
4 citizenry by discontinuing the use of the term "illegal alien" in its compendium of official  
5 state laws; and

6 WHEREAS, referring to undocumented immigrants as "illegal" is increasingly viewed as  
7 dehumanizing, offensive, inflammatory, and even a racial slur; and

8 WHEREAS, the terms "illegal" and "alien," when used in reference to people, have  
9 undergone pejoration and acquired derogatory connotations, becoming more and more  
10 associated with nativist and racist sentiments; and

11 WHEREAS, the term "illegal alien" should be changed to reflect this state's commitment to  
12 respecting all persons and recognizing the humanity in all human beings.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL  
14 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that actions should be taken to replace the term "illegal alien"  
15 with the term "undocumented person" in the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

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