

House Resolution 656

By: Representatives Sharper of the 177th, Stephens of the 164th, Dickerson of the 113th, Stovall of the 74th, and Coleman of the 97th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 24, 2017, as Bullying Truce Day at the state capitol; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Studio 11 Films was founded in Atlanta, Georgia, on November 11, 2011, by
4 a group of distinguished entertainment professionals and respected leaders in the
5 entertainment industry: CEO/producer Sharon Tomlinson, writer/director Professor Avery
6 O. Williams, producer Daryl Jones, Esq., Hope Demps, Esq., executive vice
7 president/distribution Clint Evans, and casting director/talent agent Kimberly Flowers; and

8 WHEREAS, Studio 11 Films' objective is to work toward the day when no young person or
9 family suffers the pain, agony, and loss caused by bullying in our schools and communities,
10 an issue that must be addressed at many levels by family members, educational institutions,
11 health care providers, and federal, state, and local governments working together in a
12 synchronized way to stand up and prevent suicide caused by harassment; and

13 WHEREAS, Studio 11 Films petitions to change the category from bullying to harassment,
14 creating a harsher punishment in hopes of decreasing the acts of bullying which lead to
15 school aged children committing suicide; and

16 WHEREAS, Studio 11 Films has developed a three-step system called the A.R.M. Approach,
17 or accountability, responsibility, and manageability, to empower school aged children with
18 the behavioral, social, and emotional support they need to cope with harassment in school
19 and in life; and

20 WHEREAS, for the past six years, Studio 11 Films has been making movies that matter and
21 the latest project, *Misguided Behavior*, tackles the world epidemic of bullying leading to
22 suicide specifically in the State of Georgia; and

23 WHEREAS, their goal is to make a change by utilizing this film as a call to action to bring
24 awareness to what is now called "bullycide" (bullying leading to suicide); and

25 WHEREAS, Studio 11 Films' 11Eleven11 Project in association with The Monaco Group
26 produced the film *Misguided Behavior* and its cast includes Khalil Kain, Doris Morgado,
27 Clifton Powell, Carl Payne, Elijah Johnson, Princeton & Mike Martin, who have pledged to
28 use their platform to advocate for change and persuade their audience to speak out about the
29 message and mission guaranteed to "Save lives - A.R.M. against bullying"; and

30 WHEREAS, Studio 11 Films will honor the school aged children who pledge to A.R.M.
31 against bullying by providing them with A.R.M. backpacks, A.R.M. wrist bands, and A.R.M.
32 T-shirts to identify those who have successfully finished the program; and

33 WHEREAS, Studio 11 Films calls for Georgia to participate in a state-wide Bullying Truce
34 Day on March 24, 2017, whereby all schools will get involved and present a clean slate to
35 students who have been affected by bullying, either as the bully or the victim.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
37 the members of this body recognize March 24, 2017, as Bullying Truce Day at the state
38 capitol.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
40 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
41 Studio 11 Films.