

House Resolution 751

By: Representatives Buckner of the 137th and Hopson of the 153rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 8, 2022, as Georgia STOMP Day at the state capitol; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Georgia STOMP (Stop Tax On Menstrual Products) is a state-wide coalition
4 of 31 organizations with a reach of more than 60,000, which was formed to address the issues
5 of menstrual equity and period poverty in Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, the primary goal of this organization is to eliminate the 4 percent state sales tax
7 Georgians are charged on medically necessary items they need to manage their periods with
8 dignity; and

9 WHEREAS, this tax is borne primarily by women, who are already economically
10 disadvantaged in our state; and

11 WHEREAS, Georgia STOMP is committed to ensuring Georgians have access to the
12 menstrual products they need, no matter where they are or what their situation is; and

13 WHEREAS, the organization has worked with the Georgia Emergency Management Agency
14 and Homeland Security Agency (GEMA/HSA) to improve access to menstrual products for

15 those experiencing situational poverty following an emergency or disaster. Because of
16 administrative changes, menstrual products were added to the list of basic needs, and
17 GEMA/HAS funds can now be used to purchase such supplies in both the short and long
18 term; and

19 WHEREAS, Georgia STOMP has advocated for policy changes related to menstrual product
20 access at Georgia Department of Corrections (DOC) facilities, and products are now
21 available pursuant to the DOC's Feminine Hygiene Items Issuance Policy in every dorm
22 within all-female prisons, transitional centers, and probation detention centers. With the
23 institution of this policy, protections now exist for women in the Georgia Department of
24 Corrections; thus, Georgia STOMP has turned its focus to county and local jails and juvenile
25 justice facilities; and

26 WHEREAS, budget appropriations have been allocated to the Georgia Department of
27 Education and the Georgia Department of Public Health to address period product needs in
28 schools and in the community, increasing a student's ability to stay in class and improving
29 the economy by giving workers access to period products that keep them in the workplace;
30 and

31 WHEREAS, Georgia STOMP is to be applauded for its hard work and determination to
32 effect positive change in policy that treats Georgia women with the dignity they deserve.
33 Furthermore, Georgia STOMP has created an environment of greater acceptance and
34 normalization of the natural, healthy nature of the important biological process of
35 menstruation.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
37 the members of this body recognize February 8, 2022, as Georgia STOMP Day at the state

38 capitol and commend the efforts of Georgia STOMP in promoting equity, addressing
39 poverty, and restoring the dignity of women across the State of Georgia.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
41 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
42 Georgia STOMP.