

Senate Resolution 197

By: Senator Unterman of the 45th

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 7, 2013, as End the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children Day  
2 at the capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC) is a horrific crime  
4 perpetrated by adult men and women who abuse children through prostitution; and

5 WHEREAS, Georgia is the first state to have begun scientifically tracking the number of  
6 adolescent girls victimized by CSEC; and

7 WHEREAS, according to the Georgia Governor's Office for Children and Families, the  
8 number of CSEC victims doubled from approximately 250 to almost 500 girls each month  
9 from late 2007 to early 2011; and

10 WHEREAS, according to *A Future. Not A Past.*, a scientific study of men who buy sex with  
11 young females, 7,200 men pay for sex with an adolescent female each month in Georgia,  
12 accounting for 8,700 paid sex acts, and a significant portion of these men are repeat  
13 customers; and

14 WHEREAS, hundreds of grassroots activists will gather at the capitol on February 7, 2013,  
15 to raise awareness about the need to end the commercial sexual exploitation of children in  
16 Georgia; and

17 WHEREAS, Street GRACE, *A Future. Not A Past.*, and Wellspring Living have worked  
18 together to organize and empower tens of thousands of grassroots activists across the State  
19 of Georgia to end CSEC; and

20 WHEREAS, due to the passage of HB 200, Shared Hope International raised Georgia's  
21 effectiveness in human trafficking laws to a grade of B, one of the highest scores in the  
22 nation; and

23 WHEREAS, after several years of developing a first-of-its-kind coordinated state-wide effort  
24 to end CSEC, Georgia is the first state under study to begin seeing a systematic decline in the  
25 number of adolescent CSEC victims.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
27 recognize February 7, 2013, as End the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children Day at  
28 the capitol.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
30 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Street GRACE and Wellspring Living.