

House Resolution 107

By: Representatives Ballinger of the 23rd, Smith of the 134th, Evans of the 42nd, Coomer of the 14th, Willard of the 51st, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 8, 2017, as Stop Violence Against Women Day at the state capitol;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, domestic violence is a leading cause of injury to American women, and
4 witnessing such violence can have a devastating emotional effect on children; and

5 WHEREAS, according to the Violence Policy Center, Georgia currently ranks eighth in the
6 nation for the rate of men killing women; and

7 WHEREAS, from inner cities to rural communities, domestic violence and sexual assault
8 affects individuals of every age, culture, class, gender, sexual orientation, race, and religion;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, in 2015, Georgia's law enforcement agencies reported 65,487 incidents of
11 family violence according to Family Violence Incident Reports, the 46 state certified
12 domestic violence programs in Georgia received 44,317 crisis calls, and the 22 state certified
13 sexual assaults centers in Georgia received 9,567 crisis calls; and

14 WHEREAS, law enforcement, local and state agencies, community groups, businesses, and
15 faith based organizations must work together to identify effective intervention strategies and
16 education and prevention programs that will disrupt the cycle of violence; and

17 WHEREAS, the Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Georgia Commission on
18 Family Violence, and Georgia Network to End Sexual Assault encourage a coordinated
19 community response to abating this epidemic; and

20 WHEREAS, the dedicated efforts of the professionals and volunteers who make it their
21 mission to stop violence against women by offering protection, guidance, encouragement,

22 and compassion to survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault across this great state
23 are hereby commended with much gratitude.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
25 the members of this body recognize February 8, 2017, as Stop Violence Against Women Day
26 at the state capitol.

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