

## Senate Resolution 83

By: Senators Parent of the 42nd, Stone of the 23rd, Orrock of the 36th, Cowsert of the 46th, Unterman of the 45th 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 SENATE that the members of this body  
25 recognize February 8, 2017, as Stop Violence Against Women Day at the state capitol.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
27 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the  
28 press.