

## House Resolution 1587

By: Representatives Hilton of the 48<sup>th</sup>, Burnough of the 77<sup>th</sup>, Gaines of the 120<sup>th</sup>, Lupton of the 83<sup>rd</sup>, Townsend of the 179<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 21, 2024, as World Down Syndrome Day at the state capitol; and for  
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, one in every 700 children is born with Down syndrome, representing  
4 approximately 6,000 births per year in the United States; and

5 WHEREAS, the National Down Syndrome Society, the leading human rights organization  
6 for all individuals with Down syndrome, envisions a world in which all people with Down  
7 syndrome have the opportunity to enhance their quality of life, realize their life aspirations,  
8 and become valued members of welcoming communities; and

9 WHEREAS, the Down Syndrome Association of Atlanta is one of the biggest advocates in  
10 the Down syndrome community; their mission is to guide Atlanta's Down syndrome  
11 community by connecting them to the partners, programs, education, and resources they need  
12 to thrive; and

13 WHEREAS, advancements in Down syndrome research and inclusive community practices  
14 have demonstrated that early intervention, education, social supports, therapeutic care, and

15 positive public attitudes improve each individual's chances for living a meaningful,  
16 productive, and satisfying life in the way they choose; and

17 WHEREAS, individuals with Down syndrome are complete individuals who share fully the  
18 human right to strive for and achieve self-fulfillment and reap the rewards of free association  
19 with and membership of their communities.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
21 the members of this body recognize March 21, 2024, as World Down Syndrome Day at the  
22 state capitol.

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