

House Resolution 326

By: Representatives Carter of the 92nd, Jones of the 91st, Stephenson of the 90th, and Kirby of the 114th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Chief Magistrate Judge Phinia Aten and the Youth Law Program, which is the
2 East Metropolitan Area's first educational enrichment camp dedicated to law; and for other
3 purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Chief Magistrate Judge Phinia Aten, of the Magistrate Court of Rockdale
5 County, founded the Youth Law Camp in 2016, and held the inaugural Youth Law Camp on
6 February 15, 2016, with the goal of creating an annual, dynamic and educational program
7 for middle- and high-school students interested in a law-related career pathway, or gaining
8 comprehensive knowledge about our legal system, from an array of guest speakers including
9 judges, lawyers, law enforcement officers and others; and

10 WHEREAS, the 2nd Annual Youth Law Camp will be held February 20, 2017, and like last
11 year's attendance record of 55 students, has already reached full-capacity registration with
12 60 students and a waiting list, demonstrating the high demand and value of this unique public
13 program to our Georgia parents and students; and

14 WHEREAS, the 2nd Annual Youth Law Camp includes a special keynote address by our
15 former colleague and senator, Ronald Ramsey, who is a sitting judge in the State Court of
16 DeKalb County and outstanding speaker on the topic of law from the vantage points of his
17 experiences as an educator, legislator and jurist, and will inspire the youth to consider the
18 limitless possibilities available for legal and public service; and

19 WHEREAS, the Youth Law Camp, in addition to providing educational benefits, empowers
20 the students to become good citizens through its teen choices and consequences session and
21 interactive mock trial and newly-added mock legislation activities; and

22 WHEREAS, the House of Representatives recognize the significant vision, leadership and
23 organizational skills and sensitivity to the needs of our youth and legal community that Judge
24 Aten possesses to spearhead the Youth Law Camp and host the program on annual basis; and

25 WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the establishment of the Youth Law Camp and its
26 founder be appropriately recognized.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
28 the members of this body commend Chief Magistrate Judge Phinia Aten and the Youth Law
29 Camp for providing innovative and dedicated service to the citizens of the state and extend
30 their most sincere best wishes for continued success.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
32 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Chief
33 Magistrate Judge Phinia Aten.