

House Resolution 636

By: Representative Beverly of the 143rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the Harvard Debate Council Diversity Project; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, fifty students have poured hard work, talent, and dedication into their time with
3 the Harvard Debate Council Diversity Project since the program's inception in 2017; and

4 WHEREAS, now training its second cohort of 25 students, the Harvard Debate Council
5 Diversity Project is a subsidiary of the Harvard Debate Council at Harvard College and an
6 Atlanta based pipeline program that provides African American youth access and exposure
7 to accelerated academic training in critical thinking, communication, and civic engagement;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, the Harvard Debate Council Diversity Project matriculates underrepresented
10 students into the Harvard Debate Council's summer residency; and

11 WHEREAS, the inaugural cohort made history in July of 2018 by gaining the first place
12 victory of the Harvard Debate Council's annual residency against 400 gifted young scholars
13 from around the world; and

14 WHEREAS, the students of the Harvard Debate Council Diversity Project have volunteered
15 and assisted approximately 500 metro Atlanta students by planning and hosting workshops
16 on public speaking and civic engagement.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
18 the members of this body recognize the Harvard Debate Council Diversity Project.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
20 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
21 Harvard Debate Council Diversity Project.