

Senate Resolution 794

By: Senator Unterman of the 45th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing January 26, 2016, as Human Trafficking Awareness Day at the state capitol;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the commercial exploitation of human life is a horrific crime perpetrated by
4 men and women who exploit children and adults alike for both sexual and labor servitude;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month, and human trafficking is both
7 a global and local problem, with more than 190 documented human trafficking cases across
8 Georgia in 2014; and

9 WHEREAS, human trafficking has many long-lasting effects on its victims, including an
10 increased risk of injury, sexual assault, infectious disease, substance misuse, untreated
11 chronic medical conditions, malnutrition, post-traumatic stress disorder, depression,
12 homicide, and suicide; and

13 WHEREAS, with the help of Senator Renee Unterman, Georgia has made meaningful
14 progress through legislation to penalize traffickers, aid victims, and reduce trafficking,
15 demonstrated by the expansion of the existing child abuse reporting system to improve
16 victim identification, increased awareness of the National Human Trafficking Hotline, efforts
17 to keep victims out of the penal system and fund their recovery and treatment, heightened
18 charges against pimping, pandering, and keeping a place of prostitution for minors, and
19 extension of the statute of limitations for certain crimes against children.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
21 recognize January 26, 2016, as Human Trafficking Awareness Day at the state capitol.

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