

Senate Resolution 983

By: Senator Unterman of the 45th

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 13, 2014, as End Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking Day at the state  
2 capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, domestic minor sex trafficking (DMST) is a horrific crime perpetrated by adult  
4 men and women who abuse children through prostitution; and

5 WHEREAS, Georgia is the first state to have begun scientifically tracking the number of  
6 adolescent girls victimized by DMST; and

7 WHEREAS, according to the Governor's Office for Children and Families, the number of  
8 DMST victims doubled from approximately 250 to almost 500 girls each month from late  
9 2007 to early 2011; and

10 WHEREAS, according to youthSpark, a scientific study of men who buy sex with young  
11 females found that 7,200 men pay for sex with an adolescent female each month in Georgia,  
12 accounting for 8,700 paid sex acts, and a significant portion of these men are repeat  
13 customers; and

14 WHEREAS, hundreds of grassroots activists will gather at the state capitol on March 13,  
15 2014, to raise awareness about the need to end domestic minor sex trafficking in Georgia;  
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Street Grace, youthSpark, and Wellspring Living have worked together to  
18 organize and empower tens of thousands of grassroots activists across the State of Georgia  
19 to end DMST; and

20 WHEREAS, due to the passage of HB 200, Shared Hope International raised Georgia's  
21 effectiveness in human trafficking laws to a grade of B, one of the highest scores in the  
22 nation; and

23 WHEREAS, after several years of developing a first-of-its-kind coordinated state-wide effort  
24 to end DMST, Georgia is the first state under study to begin seeing a systematic decline in  
25 the number of adolescent DMST victims.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
27 recognize March 13, 2014, as End Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking Day at the state capitol.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
29 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to Street Grace, youthSpark, and Wellspring  
30 Living.