

House Resolution 773

By: Representatives Efstration of the 104th, Dempsey of the 13th, Ballinger of the 23rd, Smith of the 70th, and Tankersley of the 160th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 16, 2022, as Sex Trafficking Awareness Day at the state capitol; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, sex trafficking is a form of modern day slavery where people profit from the
4 control and exploitation of others and is a horrific crime perpetrated against women and
5 children; and

6 WHEREAS, sex trafficking is one of the fastest growing criminal enterprises in the world,
7 and according to the International Labour Organization, profits obtained from commercial
8 sexual exploitation are estimated at \$99 billion per year globally; and

9 WHEREAS, the National Center for Mission and Exploited Children received 17,000 reports
10 of human trafficking nationally in 2020; and

11 WHEREAS, according to a 2014 study by the Urban Institute, the underground sex industry
12 in Atlanta grew from \$238 million to \$290 million from 2003 to 2007, which was a 22
13 percent increase; and

14 WHEREAS, the state-wide system of care received more than 4,500 referrals for exploited
15 and trafficked children between August 2009 and June 2020; and

16 WHEREAS, grassroots activists will gather at the state capitol on February 16, 2022, to raise
17 awareness about the need to end sex trafficking in Georgia; and

18 WHEREAS, Street Grace and House of Cherith have worked together to organize and
19 empower tens of thousands of grassroots activists across the State of Georgia to end sex
20 trafficking.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
22 the members of this body recognize February 16, 2022, as Sex Trafficking Awareness Day
23 at the state capitol.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
25 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Street
26 Grace and House of Cherith.