

## House Resolution 826

By: Representatives Childers of the 13<sup>th</sup>, Henson of the 65<sup>th</sup>, Stephens of the 150<sup>th</sup> and Orrock of the 56<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Pfizer, Inc. for its Pfizer for Life Share Card Program; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, there are approximately 17 million Americans who qualify for Medicare and  
3 who do not have any prescription drug coverage; and
- 4 WHEREAS, there are tens of thousands of Georgians who are elderly and live on fixed  
5 incomes and who have difficulty paying for their prescription medicines; and
- 6 WHEREAS, these individuals are particularly at risk for a variety of health care conditions  
7 including hypertension, high cholesterol, cardiac disease, diabetes, and depression; and
- 8 WHEREAS, a recent national poll showed that 40 percent of low-income seniors have not  
9 filled a prescription in the past 12 months due to cost; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Congress has not yet enacted a Medicare drug program; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Pfizer, Inc. has announced that on March 1, 2002, it will implement the Pfizer  
12 for Life Share Card Program, which will provide all of the company's prescription drugs for  
13 a simple fee of \$15.00 per prescription to low-income seniors and individuals with gross  
14 incomes of less than \$18,000.00 or joint incomes of less than \$24,000.00; and
- 15 WHEREAS, the Pfizer for Life Share Card Program provides an unprecedented opportunity  
16 for older Georgians living on fixed incomes to receive life-saving prescriptions at a nominal  
17 cost; and
- 18 WHEREAS, Pfizer has a long history of user-friendly donation programs for uninsured,  
19 low-income people including the Sharing the Care Program and the Georgia Partnership for  
20 Caring; and

1 WHEREAS, last year Pfizer provided more than \$16 million worth of medicines without  
2 charge to low-income, uninsured Georgians; and

3 WHEREAS, the Pfizer for Life Share Card Program once again sets the industry standard  
4 for a major medication access program.

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
6 the members of this body commend Pfizer, Inc. for its compassion and leadership in  
7 launching this breakthrough program which for the first time gives hope to low-income  
8 seniors who struggle to pay for their prescription medications.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body expresses appreciation to Pfizer, Inc. for all  
10 of its other programs designed to ensure that disadvantaged Georgians have access to the  
11 company's broad range of medicines.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all House members are encouraged to initiate efforts to  
13 educate their senior constituents about the Pfizer for Life Share Card Program.