

## House Resolution 1143

By: Representatives Reece of the 11<sup>th</sup>, McClinton of the 68<sup>th</sup>, Bell of the 25<sup>th</sup>, Channell of the 111<sup>th</sup>, Hudson of the 120<sup>th</sup> and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 To encourage members of the Georgia House of Representatives and state agencies and other  
2 service agencies involved in health care to promote the use of the Georgia income tax  
3 checkoff for contributions to cancer research; and for other purposes.
- 4 WHEREAS, cancer is the second leading cause of death in Georgia and accounts for almost  
5 25 percent of all deaths in our state; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Georgia ranks among the top five states in the number of new cancer cases each  
7 year; and
- 8 WHEREAS, this year approximately 33,000 Georgians will develop cancer and a projected  
9 13,700 will die from the disease; and
- 10 WHEREAS, the annual cost of cancer in Georgia is estimated at \$2.9 billion; and
- 11 WHEREAS, recent scientific breakthroughs are creating an exciting research climate  
12 bringing scientists closer to targeted and effective cancer treatments and cures; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Georgia taxpayers can support cancer research by using the state income tax  
14 checkoff to make a contribution to the Georgia Cancer Research Fund; and
- 15 WHEREAS, contributions obtained through the state income tax checkoff will be used to  
16 support breast, prostate, and ovarian cancer research programs and the Georgia Cancer  
17 Coalition; and
- 18 WHEREAS, many Georgians who would contribute to the support of cancer research  
19 programs are not aware of the opportunity for contributions through use of the state income  
20 tax checkoff; and

1 WHEREAS, members of the Georgia House of Representatives as well as state and public  
2 agencies involved in health care may have opportunities to inform the public about the need  
3 for cancer research and the use of the income tax checkoff to contribute to such research  
4 programs.

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
6 the members of this body are encouraged to speak to the news media and community groups  
7 to make the public aware of the need for cancer research and of the opportunity to contribute  
8 to cancer research programs on their Georgia income tax return.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that state and public agencies involved in health care are  
10 encouraged to publicize and promote the use of the cancer research checkoff on the Georgia  
11 income tax return.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
13 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Department of  
14 Human Resources, the Georgia Department of Community Health, and the Georgia Cancer  
15 Coalition.