

House Resolution 1606

By: Representatives Drenner of the 66th, Gardner of the 47th, Turnquest of the 73rd, Orrock of the 56th, Harrell of the 62nd and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Tuesday, April 9, 2002, as AIDS Awareness Day at the state capitol; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, since 1980, more than 12,787 men, women, and children have died of AIDS in
4 the State of Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, it is known that more than 10,841 people with AIDS are currently living in the
6 State of Georgia; and

7 WHEREAS, it is estimated that more than 27,000 citizens of Georgia are currently living
8 with infection of HIV, the virus that causes AIDS; and

9 WHEREAS, HIV and AIDS continue to touch the lives of thousands more family members,
10 friends, and co-workers; and

11 WHEREAS, HIV and AIDS have affected every community in Georgia, whether large or
12 small; and

13 WHEREAS, a variety of community based organizations has been created during the past
14 20 years to meet the diverse needs of people infected by HIV, including housing, food,
15 medical care, education, and emotional support; and

16 WHEREAS, Georgia's Visible Genetics, Inc., is in the forefront of groundbreaking
17 resistance testing development and produces the TRUGENE HIV-1 Genotyping Test as the
18 first standardized complete system cleared by the FDA; and

19 WHEREAS, organizations based in Georgia such as the Centers for Disease Control and
20 Prevention, Emory University's Center for AIDS Research, and the AIDS Research
21 Consortium of Atlanta play a significant role in combating HIV and AIDS on a global level.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
2 the members of this body recognize Tuesday, April 9, 2002, as AIDS Awareness Day at the
3 state capitol and commend the many AIDS service organizations such as the AIDS Survival
4 Project, Project Open Hand, Action Ministries, AIDS Education and Services for Minorities,
5 AID Atlanta, the AIDS Research Consortium of Atlanta, AID Gwinnett, the Grady Infectious
6 Disease Program, Amethyst Project, AIDS Coalition of Northeast Georgia, SisterLove,
7 Project Azuka, and the Atlanta Interfaith AIDS Network for their continued work aimed
8 toward bettering our communities.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
10 and directed to send an appropriate copy of this resolution to Jeff Graham, Executive
11 Director of the AIDS Survival Project.