

House Resolution 570

By: Representatives Stancil of the 16th, Murphy of the 18th, Pinholster of the 15th, Walker of the 141st, Ehrhart of the 36th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Tony's Gang Foundation, Inc.; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Tony's Gang Foundation, Inc., was founded by Gretchen Lizza in memory of
3 her son, Tony Lizza, who died of leukemia in August, 1996, at the age of 12, after ten years
4 of chemotherapy and two bone marrow transplants; and
- 5 WHEREAS, this outstanding organization, which is based in Marietta, Georgia, is dedicated
6 to providing friendship and fun for children who are being treated for cancer and other life-
7 threatening illnesses; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Tony's Gang enriches the lives of children by providing friendships they can
9 count on and activities they can anticipate, such as Cozy Quilts, Pen Pals, Tell Me a Story,
10 and Welcome to the Gang; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Tony's Gang sponsors the Peanuts and Cracker Jacks™ and Bookworms and
12 Couch Potatoes™ programs that provide valuable resources to entertain children during
13 their treatment, and the Our Buddy™ program provides one-on-one companionship to
14 enhance socialization of these children; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Tony's Gang and the countless volunteers who devote their time, energy, and
16 love to children who need a source of hope, strength, and joy are an inspiration to all
17 Georgians; and
- 18 WHEREAS, friends truly do make it better.
- 19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
20 the members of this body recognize and commend Tony's Gang Foundation, Inc., for its
21 many contributions to the young people of the State of Georgia and the United States who

1 are undergoing treatment for cancer and other life-threatening illnesses and urge the citizens
2 of this state to support this outstanding organization.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
4 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Tony's Gang Foundation,
5 Inc.