

Senate Resolution 316

By: Senator Jackson of the 50th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing September 21, 2003, as Myositis Awareness Day in Georgia; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, over 30,000 Americans are diagnosed with inclusion bodies myositis, a rare
4 disease of the muscles; and

5 WHEREAS, the disease usually effects adults over the age of 50 whose symptoms include
6 slow progressive inflammation of the muscles of the arms and legs resulting in weakness,
7 pain, tenderness, and atrophy of muscles as well as diminished involuntary muscle
8 contractions; and

9 WHEREAS, while there is no standard effective treatment for the disease, the Myositis
10 Association of America seeks to educate the general public about the disease's symptoms and
11 victims; and

12 WHEREAS, the Myositis Association of America works to improve the lives of those
13 effected by inflammatory myopathies, provides a support network, acts as a resource for
14 patients and the medical community, advocates for patients, and promotes research into the
15 causes and treatments of the disease.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
17 commend the Myositis Association of America and its members and in recognition of their
18 service to the public recognize September 21, 2003, as "Myositis Awareness Day in
19 Georgia."

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
21 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Myositis Association of America.