

Senate Resolution 380

By: Senators Henson of the 41st, Tate of the 38th, Adelman of the 42nd, Brown of the 26th,
Dean of the 31st and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the Epilepsy Foundation of Georgia's Zero Lunches/Zero Nos Day; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, epilepsy affects 100,000 people in Georgia and is one of the most common
4 disabling neurological disorders; and

5 WHEREAS, the seizures that occur in persons with epilepsy make finding a job very difficult
6 and even acceptance in society becomes a hurdle, causing people with epilepsy to be isolated
7 from many facets of life; and

8 WHEREAS, the purpose of the Epilepsy Foundation of Georgia's Zero Lunches/Zero Nos
9 Day is to request that each Georgian give up lunch that one day and for not a single person
10 to say "No" to this request and to contribute to the Epilepsy Foundation of Georgia an
11 average of \$10.00 that would otherwise have been spent on lunch, with half of the donation
12 being used to fund vital services of the foundation and the other half being placed in the
13 foundation's endowment fund for investment and future use; and

14 WHEREAS, the Epilepsy Foundation of Georgia sponsors a job seeking and job retention
15 program that helps people find and keep employment; hosts education programs to teach
16 students and teachers about seizures, the proper response to seizures, and how to keep the
17 classroom safe and conducive for keeping children with epilepsy on par with the class;
18 maintains an emergency medication fund to bridge the financial gap for people without jobs
19 or insurance who are in need of medication to prevent or control seizures; and provides
20 partial and full scholarships to children with epilepsy so that they can attend camps with
21 medical personnel and specially trained counselors who teach independence, self-reliance,
22 and self-worth; and

23 WHEREAS, by skipping lunch on one day and donating to this worthy cause, people and
24 organizations can give the gift that keeps on giving; and

1 WHEREAS, the Epilepsy Foundation of Georgia deserves commendation for its outstanding
2 record of service and dedication to improving the health care and lives of men, women, and
3 children who have epilepsy and for its innovative fundraising campaign.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
5 recognize May 29, 2003, as Zero Lunches/Zero Nos Day and that each member of the Senate
6 intends to set an example of how seriously he or she takes this resolution by foregoing lunch
7 that day and contributing the \$10.00 not spent for food to the Epilepsy Foundation of
8 Georgia.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
10 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Epilepsy Foundation of Georgia.