

Senate Resolution 835

By: Senator Jackson of the 50th

#### A RESOLUTION

1 To recognize and declare May 2004 as Osteoporosis Month in Georgia; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, osteoporosis is a silent disease of epidemic proportions characterized by  
4 debilitating and costly bone loss that is affecting Georgians, especially women, at an  
5 unprecedented rate; and

6 WHEREAS, three of every four women aged 65 and older have osteoporosis or low bone  
7 mass, yet fewer than one in ten received a Medicare reimbursed bone density test in 2001.  
8 More than 1.08 million Georgians were estimated to have osteoporosis in 2002, with the  
9 prevalence expected to grow 54 percent to 1.67 million by 2020 throughout Georgia; and

10 WHEREAS, women with osteoporosis are at high risk for bone fracture, with 35 percent of  
11 those hospitalized in Georgia for osteoporotic fractures being discharged to long-term care  
12 facilities at great cost to our citizens; and

13 WHEREAS, during the month of May 2004, both men and women are encouraged to fight  
14 osteoporosis by staying active, knowing their risks, and understanding the treatment options  
15 that help prevent fractures.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
17 recognize and declare May 2004 as Osteoporosis Month in Georgia.