

House Resolution 241

By: Representative Dean of the 59th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending REACH for Wellness; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, REACH for Wellness is a cardiovascular disease prevention coalition sponsored
3 by the Fulton County Department of Health and Wellness with coalition members including
4 representatives from religious institutions, community groups, health related organizations,
5 and colleges and universities; and
- 6 WHEREAS, the Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health known as REACH for
7 Wellness is a free, community based health and wellness resource created to connect families
8 with resources that improve cardiovascular health; and
- 9 WHEREAS, REACH for Wellness offers programs in nutrition education, personal
10 empowerment, smoking cessation, and physical activity and has served more than 11,837
11 persons; and
- 12 WHEREAS, REACH for Wellness was recognized in the United States Department of
13 Health and Human Services 2003 Prevention Programs in Action "Steps to a Healthier US"
14 publication as a lead organization in improving the cardiovascular health among African
15 Americans residing in the Atlanta Empowerment Zone; and
- 16 WHEREAS, REACH for Wellness co-organized Poor Peoples Day at the State Capitol and
17 statewide that addressed health disparities, the uninsured, living wages, health care, and
18 hospital funding which was comprised of more than 350 people; and
- 19 WHEREAS, REACH for Wellness engaged in 21 community health fairs exposing greater
20 than 722 persons to cardiovascular disease health information; and

1 WHEREAS, REACH for Wellness participated in Healthy Heart Collaborative, a pilot
2 program targeting cardiovascular health disparities, developed by the National Minority
3 Health Month Foundation; and

4 WHEREAS, REACH for Wellness collaborated with the American Red Cross to participate
5 in their CPR Saturday training event; and

6 WHEREAS, REACH for Wellness facilitated a community REACH OUT program with 13
7 students from Clark Atlanta University and disseminated information about the five
8 interventions of REACH for Wellness to more than 200 homes; and

9 WHEREAS, REACH for Wellness participated in Cover the Uninsured Week, a national
10 event of week-long activities aimed at sensitizing the public and opinion leaders to the plight
11 of the more than 41 million Americans who lack health insurance.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
13 the members of this body recognize and commend the valuable efforts of REACH for
14 Wellness and express their gratitude for its continued commitment to improving the health
15 of Georgia's citizens.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
17 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to REACH for Wellness.