

Senate Resolution 501

By: Senator Fort of the 39th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Georgia Department of Human Resources, Division of
2 Public Health's Tuberculosis Program; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, in the late 19th century, tuberculosis killed one out of every seven people living
4 in the United States and Europe; and

5 WHEREAS, on March 24, 1882, Dr. Robert Koch announced the discovery of the
6 tuberculosis bacillus, and, a century later in 1982, the World Health Organization along with
7 the International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease sponsored the first World
8 TB Day; and

9 WHEREAS, today, tuberculosis is one of the leading causes of death from infectious disease,
10 with an estimated two billion people, or one-third of the world's population, infected with the
11 bacteria that causes tuberculosis and approximately two million who die each year from
12 tuberculosis; and

13 WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Human Resources, Division of Public Health's
14 Tuberculosis Program will recognize World TB Day on Thursday, March 24, 2005, and will
15 host a community forum designed to educate the public about the devastating health and
16 economic consequences of tuberculosis, its effect on developing countries, and its continued
17 tragic impact on global health; and

18 WHEREAS, the day's events will include tuberculosis education awareness activities, games,
19 and commentary from community leaders and will provide an opportunity for tuberculosis
20 programs, partnering organizations, and others to share information about their individual
21 program as well as speak on the importance of community health and tuberculosis awareness.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
23 recognize the value and importance of the Georgia Department of Human Resources,

1 Division of Public Health's Tuberculosis Program and commend their efforts to raise public
2 awareness about this devastating disease.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
4 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Department of Human
5 Resources.