

## Senate Resolution 803

By: Senators Hill of the 32nd, Thomas of the 54th, Unterman of the 45th, Goggans of the 7th, Grant of the 25th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Rally Foundation, benefiting childhood cancer research,  
2 and its key leadership and supporters: Wrigley Company, Mizuno USA, Aflac, Tom Glavine,  
3 and Leader Enterprises; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the Rally Foundation is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to raising  
5 funds specifically for childhood cancer research through nationally coordinated grassroots  
6 fundraising initiatives; and

7 WHEREAS, every school day in America two classrooms of students (about 46 children)  
8 receive the devastating diagnosis that they have cancer, representing approximately 12,500  
9 children diagnosed each year; and

10 WHEREAS, it is estimated that each child has about 250 grassroots supporters drawn from  
11 family, friends, schools, neighborhoods, businesses, and churches; at any given time the  
12 childhood cancer community is 10 million strong; and

13 WHEREAS, the Rally Foundation is seeking ways to rally these grassroots supporters to  
14 raise money for childhood cancer research so these children will have better treatments, with  
15 fewer long-term side effects, and ultimately a cure; and

16 WHEREAS, the Wrigley Company, as part of their 2006 Big League Chew campaign and  
17 with a desire to help bring national attention to the need to support childhood cancer research  
18 and encourage kids to help kids with cancer, will place the Rally Foundation "Money in the  
19 Mitt" logo on over 10 million packages and feature the Rally Foundation and its programs;  
20 and

1 WHEREAS, Aflac has committed to being a generous financial supporter of the Rally  
2 Foundation and its efforts and to give away 50,000 Big League Chew Packs at an Atlanta  
3 Braves game in Spring, 2006, at the Aflac High School All-American Game; and

4 WHEREAS, Tom Glavine, who is a major league baseball pitcher and recipient of the 1995  
5 World Series MVP award, a two-time Cy Young Award Winner, and eight-time National  
6 League All-Star, has agreed to serve as a spokesperson for the Rally Foundation to help raise  
7 money for childhood cancer research and will be featured on the 2006 Big League Chew  
8 packages promoting the Rally Foundation "Money in the Mitt" program; and

9 WHEREAS, Leader Enterprises, an Atlanta-based marketing firm, has generously donated  
10 resources to the Rally Foundation to help with marketing for the Rally Foundation's related  
11 activities; and

12 WHEREAS, Mizuno USA is partnering with the Rally Foundation to promote "Money in the  
13 Mitt" at the 2006 baseball spring training across the country and will visit more than 250  
14 baseball venues this year; and

15 WHEREAS, highest commendations should be extended to the Rally Foundation and its  
16 leadership and key supporters: Wrigley Company, Aflac, Tom Glavine, Leader Enterprises,  
17 and Mizuno USA; and

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19 WHEREAS, Governor Sonny Perdue has proclaimed the third week of September each year  
20 as "Rally for Childhood Cancer Research Week"; and

21 WHEREAS, the Senate has proclaimed the second week of September as "Four Quarters for  
22 Childhood Cancer Research Week" in Georgia.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that this body commends the  
24 Rally Foundation, its leadership, and its key supporters: Wrigley Company, Aflac, Tom  
25 Glavine, Leader Enterprises, and Mizuno USA for their dedicated efforts to raise funds for  
26 and bring needed attention to cutting-edge childhood cancer research projects.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
28 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Rally Foundation and its key  
29 supporters.