

Senate Resolution 1062

By: Senators Cagle of the 49th, Kemp of the 46th, Stephens of the 27th and Thomas of the 54th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Team In Training program; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, there are an estimated 747,465 Americans who are battling leukemia,
4 lymphoma, or myeloma, and every five minutes a new patient is diagnosed with some form
5 of blood cancer; and

6 WHEREAS, as disheartening as these startling statistics may be, the Leukemia & Lymphoma
7 Society is leading the fight against blood cancer, helping to save lives and give hope to the
8 once hopeless; and

9 WHEREAS, since 1949, the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society has invested \$411 million in
10 blood cancer research, leading to many exciting advances in cancer therapy, including
11 radiation, chemotherapy, and such recent breakthroughs as Gleevec, a molecularly targeted
12 drug that kills cancer cells with less harm to normal tissue; and

13 WHEREAS, the Society's innovative Team in Training program began in 1988 and is the
14 original charitable marathon program; and

15 WHEREAS, since its inception, the program has trained over 265,000 people to run or walk
16 marathons in more than 85 cities all over the country and has raised over \$600 million; and

17 WHEREAS, last year alone, the Georgia chapter of Team in Training trained nearly 1,000
18 athletes and raised nearly \$3 million, providing funding for patient aid, research, community
19 service, and educational programs; and

20 WHEREAS, thanks to critical support from the Team in Training program, the Leukemia &
21 Lymphoma Society is valiantly striving to make blood cancer fatalities a thing of the past.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
2 join in commending the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Team in Training program for its
3 resounding success in raising funds for the fight against blood cancers and thank the
4 program's participants and volunteers for their invaluable contributions to this most worthy
5 cause.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
7 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia chapter of the Leukemia &
8 Lymphoma Society.