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Senate Resolution 230

By: Senators Meyer von Bremen of the 12th, Hooks of the 14th and Golden of the 8th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Celebrating the 50th anniversary of Easter Seals Southern Georgia; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, a mother from Albany, Georgia, Mrs. Mildred Huie worked diligently in 1956
- 3 to coordinate her community to establish Easter Seals Southern Georgia; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Easter Seals Southern Georgia began as the only medical rehabilitation center
- 5 for the region and remained so for many years; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Dr. John Meier served as the first medical director for the organization, and,
- 7 following his untimely death, Connie Meier and John Meier II served the organization as
- 8 president of the board of directors; and
- 9 WHEREAS, in 1982 with help from Senator Al Holloway, Easter Seals Southern Georgia
- 10 established a vocational training program aimed at helping people with disabilities become
- 11 productive, contributing citizens; and
- 12 WHEREAS, in 1993 Easter Seals Southern Georgia became one of the first respite care
- programs in the state and is now the largest provider of services to children and adults with
- 14 disabilities in Georgia; and
- 15 WHEREAS, since 1993 Easter Seals Southern Georgia has successfully submitted and
- 16 received over \$4 million in funding from the United States Department of Housing and
- 17 Urban Development for the construction of affordable, accessible housing for young adults
- 18 with disabilities; and
- 19 WHEREAS, in 2004 Easter Seals Southern Georgia established "Megan's House" and
- 20 replicated this unique respite home for children with disabilities in 2006; and

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1 WHEREAS, Easter Seals Southern Georgia provides exceptional services, ensuring all

- 2 people with disabilities or special needs and their families have equal opportunities to live,
- 3 learn, work, and play in their communities, and served over 2,200 individuals during 2006;
- 4 and
- 5 WHEREAS, Easter Seals Southern Georgia is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2007.
- 6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
- 7 congratulate and recognize Easter Seals Southern Georgia for its tremendous contributions
- 8 to the special needs community in Georgia.
- 9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
- 10 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Easter Seals Southern Georgia.