

Senate Resolution 565

By: Senators Schaefer of the 50th, Whitehead, Sr. of the 24th, Pearson of the 51st, Grant of the 25th, Hudgens of the 47th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing "Lung Cancer Awareness Month" in honor of the late U.S. Representative
2 Charles Whitlow Norwood, Jr., D.D.S.; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Georgia's beloved Republican Congressman Charlie Norwood passed away on
4 February 13, 2007, after a quiet, courageous struggle with pulmonary fibrosis and lung
5 cancer; and

6 WHEREAS, lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer deaths in men and women in the
7 United States, claiming the lives of more people each year than almost all other cancers
8 combined, and accounting for nearly one in every three cancer deaths in the United States
9 and approximately 30 percent of deaths in Georgia; and

10 WHEREAS, the funding for research for lung cancer is significantly lower than funding for
11 other types of cancer research; and

12 WHEREAS, there are currently no standard screening procedures for lung cancer which
13 corresponds to the significantly higher mortality rate and results in 70 percent of new lung
14 cancer cases failing to be diagnosed until late stages in the growth of the cancer; and

15 WHEREAS, early detection of this silent, deadly killer is the key to survival, and the State
16 of Georgia recognizes the need for greater public awareness of the risks and the need for
17 education and for the earlier diagnosis and treatment of lung cancer.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
19 recognize November, 2007, as "Lung Cancer Awareness Month" in honor of the late
20 Congressman Charles Whitlow Norwood, Jr., D.D.S.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State of Georgia hereby supports initiatives to
22 further public education concerning the risks, treatment, and early detection of lung cancer

1 and encourages lung cancer research with the goal of significantly reducing the five-year
2 survival rate from 15 percent to 50 percent within ten years.

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 Lung Cancer Alliance of Georgia.