

Senate Resolution 765

By: Senator Adelman of the 42nd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Designating Wednesday, March 5, 2008, as "Lupus Awareness Day" in Georgia; and for
- 2 other purposes.

- 3 WHEREAS, lupus is a chronic, inflammatory autoimmune disease which causes the immune
- 4 system to attack the body's own tissue and organs, including the kidneys, heart, lungs, brain,
- 5 blood, and skin; and

- 6 WHEREAS, lupus affects one out of every 185 Americans and primarily strikes women
- 7 between the ages of 15 and 45, with a higher prevalence among African Americans, Asians,
- 8 Latinos, and Native Americans; and

- 9 WHEREAS, lupus is one of America's least known major diseases but strikes more people
- 10 than many other major illnesses, killing thousands of Americans each year; and

- 11 WHEREAS, lupus patients often suffer without proper diagnosis as patients are unaware of
- 12 the presence of lupus for extended periods of time and clinicians frequently confuse lupus
- 13 with other disorders; and

- 14 WHEREAS, with early diagnosis and proper treatment, 80 to 90 percent of persons with
- 15 Lupus can look forward to a normal life expectancy; and

- 16 WHEREAS, diagnosis and treatment are often delayed, preventing life saving results because
- 17 the majority of American citizens do not understand lupus, how widespread the disease is,
- 18 or the ramifications for delayed diagnosis; and

- 19 WHEREAS, the Georgia Chapter of the Lupus Foundation of America, Inc., provides
- 20 supportive services for over 55,000 Georgia lupus patients, funds medical research into the
- 21 disease's causes and possible treatments, and educates the public concerning the realities of
- 22 lupus; and

1 WHEREAS it is only fitting and proper that this outstanding medical organization be
2 commended and recognized and that the citizens of Georgia be made aware of this important
3 medical issue facing our country.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
5 recognize Wednesday, March 5, 2008, as "Lupus Awareness Day" in Georgia and hereby
6 recognize and commend the Georgia Chapter of the Lupus Foundation of America, Inc., for
7 its continued work helping lupus patients and their families.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
9 to provide an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Chapter of the Lupus
10 Foundation of America, Inc.