

Senate Resolution 1092

By: Senator Hooks of the 14th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 6, 2008, as Diabetes Awareness Day and commending the sixth, seventh,
2 and eighth grade gifted students at Fort Valley Middle School; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the sixth, seventh, and eighth grade gifted students at Fort Valley Middle
4 School are concerned with providing quality of life for all Georgians; and

5 WHEREAS, the diabetes problem is rapidly amplifying in the United States; reports predict
6 that one out of every three children born in the year 2000 and afterward will be diagnosed
7 with diabetes if the lifestyle trends continue for improper eating and lack of exercise; and

8 WHEREAS, due to the overwhelming surge in diabetes over this past decade, there is now
9 a focus on ways that we might increase awareness for a better understanding of diabetes
10 prevention and symptoms of the disease; and

11 WHEREAS, diabetes is defined as any of several diseases characterized by excessive
12 production of urine, especially one involving a deficiency of insulin characterized by
13 excessive sugar in the blood and urine due to the inability of the body to absorb normal
14 amounts of sugar and starch; and

15 WHEREAS, with the proper attention to lifestyle choices, Georgians can decrease their
16 chances of being diagnosed with this disease; and

17 WHEREAS, the sixth, seventh, and eighth grade gifted students at Fort Valley Middle
18 School have established a team called Project R.O.A.D., Representatives Organizing
19 Awareness of Diabetes, with the slogan "NOT ME, NOT YOU, NOT NOW, NOT EVER"
20 to contribute to the quality of life for the people of Georgia; and

21 WHEREAS, having a day committed to diabetes awareness in the State of Georgia will
22 encourage citizens of our state to become mindful of diabetes with all of its components, so

1 that a renewed emphasis on healthier lifestyles can become a part of the everyday life for the
2 young and old alike in the State of Georgia.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
4 recognize and shall observe March 6, 2008, as Diabetes Awareness Day, commend the Fort
5 Valley gifted students for their outstanding efforts to bring awareness to this serious health
6 issue, and encourage all Georgians to be mindful of the symptoms and preventative measures
7 associated with diabetes for the better health of our generation and those yet to come.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
9 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Quintin Green, principal of Fort
10 Valley Middle School.