

Senate Resolution 1215

By: Senators Wiles of the 37th, Rogers of the 21st, Hill of the 32nd, Thompson of the 33rd and Stoner of the 6th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Ed and Linda Levitt; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, every two hours someone in Georgia dies of lung cancer; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Ed Levitt was diagnosed with stage IV lung cancer four years ago; and
- 4 WHEREAS, he could have been a sad statistic, but his positive attitude has kept him from
5 being one; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he and his wife of 34 years, Linda, created the Georgia Chapter of the national
7 Lung Cancer Alliance (LCA); and
- 8 WHEREAS, they were recently presented with the Hummingbird Award for Perseverance
9 from the Joan Gaeta Lung Cancer Foundation; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Levitt are tireless advocates for raising awareness for lung cancer;
11 and
- 12 WHEREAS, the Georgia Chapter of the national Lung Cancer Alliance provides resources
13 for lung cancer patients and raises funds for research; and
- 14 WHEREAS, one of the biggest misconceptions regarding lung cancer is that everyone who
15 has the disease is a smoker; and
- 16 WHEREAS, only 44 percent of all people with lung cancer have had some history of
17 smoking and 20 to 30 percent are nonsmokers; and
- 18 WHEREAS, Mr. Levitt is a retired motivational speaker, and he and Mrs. Levitt have been
19 tireless in their efforts to increase funding for lung cancer research; and

1 WHEREAS, WellStar Health Systems and St. Joseph's Hospital are developing lung cancer
2 early detection programs; and

3 WHEREAS, even though Mr. Levitt is not cancer free, he continues to fight for greater
4 funding and awareness for lung cancer research.

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
6 recognize Ed and Linda Levitt for their outstanding efforts in raising awareness for lung
7 cancer and commend Mr. Levitt for his phenomenal positive attitude and his outstanding
8 efforts in this area.

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 Mr. and Mrs. Ed Levitt.