

House Resolution 1444

By: Representatives Collins of the 95th, Dawkins-Haigler of the 93rd, Mangham of the 94th, Ralston of the 7th, Jordan of the 77th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Declaring Wednesday, February 17, 2010, as Lupus Awareness Day at the state capitol; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, on Wednesday, February 17, 2010, Representative Toney Collins and the
4 Georgia Chapter of the Lupus Foundation of America will host Lupus Awareness Day at the
5 state capitol; and

6 WHEREAS, lupus is a chronic autoimmune disease that attacks the body's cells and tissues,
7 resulting in inflammation, pain, and tissue damage; and

8 WHEREAS, at least 1.5 million Americans, including approximately 55,000 Georgians, are
9 currently living with lupus; and

10 WHEREAS, lupus is a major health issue that has a significant impact on the economy of
11 this state and takes an immeasurable physical, financial, and emotional toll on many families
12 in Georgia; and

13 WHEREAS, the effects of lupus on a family can be devastating in that it is a chronic,
14 lifelong, and life-threatening disease, and despite its prevalence, it remains one of the least
15 recognizable and most misunderstood diseases; and

16 WHEREAS, lupus affects primarily young women in their crucial childbearing years, but it
17 can also affect men, children, and women of all ages; and

18 WHEREAS, the Lupus Foundation of America is the nation's leading nonprofit voluntary
19 health organization, dedicated to finding the causes and a cure for lupus while providing
20 support and services to all people affected by lupus; and

21 WHEREAS, 90 percent of every dollar raised by the Georgia Chapter of the Lupus
22 Foundation of America stays in Georgia to support the chapter's programs; and

23 WHEREAS, the Lupus Foundation of America provides resources for thousands of patients
24 and families, including support and information, physician referrals, public and professional
25 education, and grassroots advocacy on the state and federal level.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body commend the work of the Lupus Foundation of America and other
28 organizations devoted to finding a cure for lupus and to supporting the individuals and
29 families whose lives are affected by this autoimmune disease and declare Wednesday,
30 February 17, 2010, as Lupus Awareness Day at the state capitol.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
32 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Chapter of the
33 Lupus Foundation of America.