

Senate Resolution 1171

By: Senator Harbison of the 15th

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Andrew W. Pippas; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Andrew W. Pippas has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for  
3 his leadership in the field of medicine, his compassionate treatment of his patients, and his  
4 deep concern for the well-being of others; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Pippas has been named a Distinguished Cancer Scholar by the Georgia  
6 Cancer Coalition for his commitment to improving the lives of patients living with cancer  
7 and finding a cure for the disease; and

8 WHEREAS, a board-certified medical oncologist, Dr. Pippas is the medical director and  
9 director of Clinical Oncology Research at the John B. Amos Cancer Center and has been a  
10 great supporter of Georgia Cancer Coalition initiatives; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Pippas earned his medical degree from the University of Utah School of  
12 Medicine, completed his residency in internal medicine and a fellowship in medical oncology  
13 and hematology at the Duke University Medical Center, and was a recipient of the National  
14 Institutes of Health's Physician Scientist Award; and

15 WHEREAS, a talented physician, Dr. Pippas serves on the board of the Georgia Center for  
16 Oncology Research and Education and is a tireless advocate for expanding clinical trials in  
17 community settings; and

18 WHEREAS, Dr. Pippas's research interest is in gastrointestinal malignancies, and he leads  
19 the John B. Amos Cancer Center's clinical alliance effort with the pilot National Cancer  
20 Institute Community Cancer Centers Program; and

21 WHEREAS, there are now approximately 48 open clinical trials at the John B. Amos Cancer  
22 Center in the areas of leukemia, melanoma, lymphoma, and breast, cervical, ovarian, lung,  
23 colo-rectal, prostate, head/neck, and brain cancers, and Dr. Pippas's prestigious award from

24 the Georgia Cancer Coalition will provide the center with a \$500,000 grant to support more  
25 clinical research at the facility; and

26 WHEREAS, Dr. Pippas is a member of numerous professional organizations, including the  
27 American Society of Clinical Oncology and the American Society of Hematology; and

28 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the amazing career and outstanding work  
29 of this distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
31 commend Dr. Andrew W. Pippas on his incredible career in the medical field, congratulate  
32 him on his recognition as a Distinguished Cancer Scholar, and extend to him their utmost  
33 gratitude for the groundbreaking research he conducts on behalf of cancer patients.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
35 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Andrew W. Pippas.