

House Resolution 1164

By: Representatives Benfield of the 85th, Harden of the 147th, Neal of the 1st, and Drenner of the 86th

A RESOLUTION

1 Declaring March 5, 2010, as Methadone Treatment Awareness Day at the state capitol; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, opiate addiction continues to increase at an alarming rate with more than one
4 million people currently addicted; and

5 WHEREAS, untreated opiate addiction has devastating financial ramifications for families,
6 healthcare systems, and judicial systems, costing billions of dollars annually; and

7 WHEREAS, untreated opiate addiction destroys the fabric of families upon which our
8 society is founded; and

9 WHEREAS, methadone treatment has been proven to be the most effective treatment for
10 opiate addiction, with beneficial outcomes of decreasing drug use, lowering crime rates,
11 decreasing medical care costs, and decreasing the further spread of HIV, AIDS, and hepatitis;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, methadone treatment facilities employ healthcare professionals dedicated to
14 helping their patients rehabilitate their lives to become productive members of society; and

15 WHEREAS, methadone treatment patients, families, friends, medical professionals, and
16 others interested in the concerns of the opiate addicted population of Georgia will be present
17 at the capitol on March 5, 2010, to speak with elected officials in order to increase their
18 understanding of opiate addiction and its treatment.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
20 the members of this body recognize March 5, 2010, as Methadone Treatment Awareness Day
21 at the state capitol and commend the outstanding professionals dedicated to treating patients
22 with opiate addictions.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
24 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Opioid Treatment
25 Providers of Georgia, Inc.