

## House Resolution 78

By: Representatives Mosby of the 90<sup>th</sup>, Parsons of the 42<sup>nd</sup>, and Rice of the 51<sup>st</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending LifeSouth Community Blood Centers; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, LifeSouth Community Blood Centers is the eighth largest blood provider in the  
3 United States, collecting and supplying blood for more than 110 medical facilities in  
4 Alabama, Florida, and Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, a nonprofit organization, LifeSouth's mission is to provide a safe blood supply  
6 that meets or exceeds the needs of local communities and provide patients with services in  
7 support of blood and transfusion related activities; and

8 WHEREAS, sickle cell disease affects an estimated 70,000 to 100,000 Americans, and the  
9 sickle cell trait occurs in about one in 12 African Americans; and

10 WHEREAS, the life expectancy of an individual with sickle cell disease is approximately 40  
11 years, and those living with the disease may require blood transfusions every four weeks over  
12 their lifetime; and

13 WHEREAS, blood transfusions increase the number of good red blood cells in the blood  
14 stream and are the best treatment to alleviate the effects of sickle cell disease; and

15 WHEREAS, in an effort to mitigate some of the complications due to numerous blood  
16 transfusions during the life of a sickle cell patient, LifeSouth has developed the Sickle Cell  
17 Hero Program, which is designed to match sickle cell patients with specific donors through  
18 a comprehensive blood matching system; and

19 WHEREAS, the Sickle Cell Hero Program is part of a larger initiative of the Five Points of  
20 Life Foundation, which educates and raises awareness of the five ways to share life with  
21 others through the donation of blood, apheresis, marrow, cord blood, and organ and tissue;  
22 and

23 WHEREAS, LifeSouth works diligently to remind Americans that January is National Blood  
24 Donor Month, encouraging people to give the life-saving and selfless gift of blood that is  
25 vital to each and every community; and

26 WHEREAS, the dedication to improving the lives of Georgians consistently demonstrated  
27 by this outstanding corporate citizen is worthy of recognition.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
29 the members of this body commend LifeSouth Community Blood Centers for its  
30 commitment to helping those living with sickle cell disease through its Sickle Cell Hero  
31 Program.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
33 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to LifeSouth Community  
34 Blood Centers.