

## House Resolution 276

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## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing October as RSV Awareness Month; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) is a common respiratory disease that affects  
3 approximately two-thirds of all infants during the first year of life and almost 100 percent of  
4 babies before the age of two; and
- 5 WHEREAS, RSV is the most common cause of lower respiratory infection and viral death  
6 in children under five years old; and
- 7 WHEREAS, RSV is a leading cause of pneumonia and bronchitis, and in 2008, these ailments  
8 were the cause of more than 18,000 emergency room visits for children under the age of 12  
9 in Georgia; and
- 10 WHEREAS, RSV is the cause of over 402,000 hospital outpatient visits and 1.7 million  
11 doctor's office visits annually nationwide; and
- 12 WHEREAS, an estimated 125,000 babies in the United States are hospitalized each year with  
13 severe RSV, the leading cause of infant hospitalization; and
- 14 WHEREAS, severe RSV hospitalization may cause up to 500 infant deaths annually  
15 nationwide and, on average, ten times more infants die from RSV than from the flu each  
16 year; and
- 17 WHEREAS, medical costs associated with RSV disease have been estimated as a burden to  
18 the health care system, as well as individual patients, with the ambulatory medical care cost  
19 attributed to RSV infection related illness estimated at \$258 million annually.
- 20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
21 the members of this body recognize October as RSV Awareness Month in Georgia.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
23 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Zoe Rose Memorial  
24 Foundation.