

House Resolution 276

By: Representatives Morgan of the 39th, Cooper of the 41st, Manning of the 32nd, Coleman of the 97th, and Benfield of the 85th

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.