

## Senate Resolution 239

By: Senators Grant of the 25th, Hill of the 4th, Carter of the 1st, Goggans of the 7th, Jackson of the 2nd and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation and the CSX  
2 Corporation; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, mental illness is a serious medical condition that affects children, adolescents,  
4 adults, and the elderly; and

5 WHEREAS, mental health is essential to one's overall health and well-being and mental  
6 illness will strike one in five adults each year regardless of age, gender, race, ethnicity,  
7 religion, or economic status; and

8 WHEREAS, the Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation and the CSX Corporation have funded  
9 a public-private nonprofit partnership called the Opening Doors to Recovery Research  
10 Project (ODR), which is designed to improve the lives of citizens with serious mental illness  
11 in Behavioral Health Region 5 who have had repeated episodes of hospitalization,  
12 incarceration, and homelessness by providing services in the community with intensive case  
13 management; and

14 WHEREAS, through the generous contributions of the Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation and  
15 CSX Corporation, the ODR Research Project in collaboration with the Department of  
16 Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities will provide Community Navigation  
17 Specialists (Navigators) to effectively and humanely help 100 of the most vulnerable citizens  
18 who have had multiple admissions to Georgia Regional Hospital Savannah achieve recovery;  
19 and

20 WHEREAS, the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Georgia has collaborated with  
21 stakeholders in Behavioral Health Region 5 and has committed to find solutions to Georgia's  
22 fragmented mental health system and to educate the public on mental health needs and  
23 services through this private-public nonprofit partnership; and

24 WHEREAS, the NAMI Georgia through the ODR Project is committed to de-stigmatizing  
25 mental illness and finding solutions to open doors to recovery by using the resources  
26 provided by the Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation, CSX Corporation, and the Department  
27 of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
29 join in recognizing and commending the outstanding leadership and contributions of the  
30 Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation and CSX Corporation.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
32 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation and  
33 CSX Corporation.