

## Senate Resolution 346

By: Senators Shafer of the 48th, Goggans of the 7th, Carter of the 42nd, Staton of the 18th and Unterman of the 45th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Kidney Transplant  
2 Program for performing its 500th kidney transplant on January 28, 2011; and for other  
3 purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Kidney Transplant Program was  
5 established in 1980 to provide dedicated diagnostic and treatment service for children with  
6 complex and lifelong kidney disorders, high blood pressure, and fluid and electrolyte  
7 imbalances; and

8 WHEREAS, Children's is only the second pediatric kidney transplant program in the  
9 Southeast to achieve the milestone of performing 500 kidney transplants; and

10 WHEREAS, the Kidney Transplant Program is recognized nationally among the country's  
11 top programs for pediatric kidney transplant volumes; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Leonard C. Hymes and Dr. Barry Warshaw have helped the Kidney  
13 Transplant Program and pediatric dialysis unit become a national leader in pediatric  
14 nephrology; and

15 WHEREAS, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta is home to the only dedicated pediatric dialysis  
16 unit in Georgia; and

17 WHEREAS, the Kidney Transplant Program performed 21 transplants in 2010, and that same  
18 year, Children's completed its first paired exchanged kidney transplant; and

19 WHEREAS, the program has worked in close collaboration with Emory University School  
20 of Medicine to help pioneer advances in pediatric kidney transplantation; and

21 WHEREAS, this program has achieved three-year patient survival rates that exceed the  
22 national average; and

23 WHEREAS, Children's utilizes a family-centered care model in all of its service lines that  
24 includes a multi-disciplinary team of pediatric experts to provide high-quality health care,  
25 including physical therapists, certified schoolteachers, clinical nutritionists, and child life  
26 specialists; and

27 WHEREAS, the dedicated and respected staff of the Kidney Transplant Program strives daily  
28 to deliver the highest quality medical care to their patients; and

29 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding work of this fine program  
30 and its numerous contributions to children be appropriately recognized.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
32 commend the faculty and staff of the Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Kidney Transplant  
33 Program for their remarkable milestone and for making Georgia home to a national leader  
34 in pediatric kidney transplantation.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
36 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Children's Healthcare of Atlanta  
37 Kidney Transplant Program's medical director, Dr. Barry Warshaw and to Dr. Leonard  
38 Hymes.