

Senate Resolution 423

By: Senator Unterman of the 45th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Georgia Breast Cancer Coalition Fund; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Georgia Breast Cancer Coalition Fund (GBCCF) was founded in 1994 by
4 breast cancer survivors Ruth Eldredge and Tobyanne Sidman; and

5 WHEREAS, a nonprofit organization, GBCCF's mission is to advocate at the state and
6 national levels for breast cancer research funding, access to health care for all Americans,
7 and breast cancer legislation that will be of benefit to all; to educate legislators and the public
8 about the importance of early detection, lifestyle changes, treatment, and research; and to
9 eradicate breast cancer; and

10 WHEREAS, at the national level, GBCCF has helped increase breast cancer research funding
11 nine-fold since 1991; pass the Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment Act, which provides
12 treatment to low-income, uninsured women screened and diagnosed with breast and cervical
13 cancer through the CDC's National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program;
14 enact the Access to Cancer Therapies Act, which provides medicare coverage for all oral
15 cancer medications; and establish the Department of Defense Peer-Reviewed Breast Cancer
16 Research program; and

17 WHEREAS, in Georgia, GBCCF has played a key role in assuring access to mammograms,
18 Pap smears, and prostate cancer tests and in allowing doctors and patients to determine
19 appropriate hospital stays after a mastectomy or lymph node dissection; and

20 WHEREAS, the GBCCF has helped secure funding for BreasTest & More breast and
21 cervical cancer screening and implemented the Medicaid Breast and Cervical Cancer
22 treatment program for Georgians; and

23 WHEREAS, GBCCF has helped raise revenues to fight breast cancer in Georgia through
24 enactment of an income tax check-off that has yielded over \$2.75 million for breast cancer
25 research and the breast cancer license plate that has generated over \$2 million for education,
26 screening, and treatment services for women in need; and

27 WHEREAS, through its advocacy program, GBCCF reaches out to Georgians all over this
28 state to hear their stories and concerns, to educate about breast cancer, to build advocacy
29 skills, and to help survivors, families, and friends affected by breast cancer make their voices
30 heard.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
32 commend the Georgia Breast Cancer Coalition Fund on its work for prevention, early
33 detection, treatment, and eventual eradication of breast cancer.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
35 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Breast Cancer Coalition
36 Fund.