

## House Resolution 674

By: Representatives Ashe of the 56<sup>th</sup>, Fullerton of the 151<sup>st</sup>, Oliver of the 83<sup>rd</sup>, Lindsey of the 54<sup>th</sup>, Randall of the 138<sup>th</sup>, and others

## 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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
32 the members of this body commend the Georgia Breast Cancer Coalition Fund on its work  
33 for prevention, early detection, treatment, and eventual eradication of breast cancer.

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