

Senate Resolution 753

By: Senator Unterman of the 45th

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Declaring Wednesday, February 15, 2012, as Lupus Awareness Day at the state capitol; and  
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, on Wednesday, February 15, 2012, Senator Renee Unterman and the Georgia  
4 Chapter of the Lupus Foundation of America will host Lupus Awareness Day at the state  
5 capitol; and

6 WHEREAS, lupus is a chronic autoimmune disease that attacks the body's cells and tissues,  
7 resulting in inflammation, pain, and tissue damage; and

8 WHEREAS, at least 1.5 million Americans, including approximately 55,000 Georgians, are  
9 currently living with lupus; and

10 WHEREAS, lupus is a major health issue that has a significant impact on the economy of  
11 this state and takes an immeasurable physical, financial, and emotional toll on many families  
12 in Georgia; and

13 WHEREAS, the effects of lupus on a family can be devastating in that it is a chronic,  
14 lifelong, and life-threatening disease, and despite its prevalence, it remains one of the least  
15 recognizable and most misunderstood diseases; and

16 WHEREAS, lupus affects primarily young women in their crucial childbearing years, but it  
17 can also affect men, children, and women of all ages; and

18 WHEREAS, the Lupus Foundation of America is the nation's leading nonprofit voluntary  
19 health organization, dedicated to finding the causes and a cure for lupus while providing  
20 support and services to all people affected by lupus; and

21 WHEREAS, 90 percent of every dollar raised by the Georgia Chapter of the Lupus  
22 Foundation of America stays in Georgia to support the chapter's programs; and

23 WHEREAS, the Lupus Foundation of America provides resources for thousands of patients  
24 and families, including support and information, physician referrals, public and professional  
25 education, and grassroots advocacy on the state and federal level.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
27 commend the work of the Lupus Foundation of America and other organizations devoted to  
28 finding a cure for lupus and to supporting the individuals and families whose lives are  
29 affected by this autoimmune disease and declare Wednesday, February 15, 2012, as Lupus  
30 Awareness Day at the state capitol.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
32 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Chapter of the Lupus  
33 Foundation of America.