

Senate Resolution 888

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the importance of men's health and designating June 1, 2012, as Men's Health
2 Awareness Day in Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, an estimated 13 million men in the United States are affected by low
4 testosterone, also known as hypogonadism; and

5 WHEREAS, low testosterone is defined as less than 300 nanograms per deciliter of blood
6 and a simple blood test can diagnose testosterone deficiency; and

7 WHEREAS, men over age 45 with common health problems such as obesity, diabetes, and
8 high blood pressure may be twice as likely as other men their age to have low testosterone;
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10 WHEREAS, men with high cholesterol, prostate disease, and asthma are more likely to have
11 low testosterone than healthy men; and

12 WHEREAS, there is a high prevalence of low testosterone levels in HIV-infected men,
13 associated with weight loss, progression to AIDS, wasting, depression, loss of muscle mass,
14 and exercise capacity; and

15 WHEREAS, low testosterone levels may significantly impair quality of life, resulting in
16 decreased libido, erectile dysfunction, loss of body and facial hair, weakened bones,
17 increased body fat, depression, sleep disturbances, and fatigue; and

18 WHEREAS, despite the prevalence of low testosterone in men, testosterone deficiency is
19 undertreated and overlooked because men frequently ignore their symptoms or attribute them
20 to other causes such as aging or diseases associated with aging; and

21 WHEREAS, many men with low testosterone would benefit from treatments now available
22 to them; and

23 WHEREAS, the Department of Public Health urges all citizens of Georgia to observe this
24 day by participating in appropriate educational activities to raise awareness about the
25 condition of low testosterone in men, particularly in older men, and to learn how to improve
26 the quality of life for people in Georgia suffering from testosterone deficiency.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
28 recognize the importance of men's health.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that June 1, 2012, is declared Men's Health Awareness Day
30 in Georgia.

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 public and the press.