

House Resolution 1569

By: Representatives Parent of the 81st, Benfield of the 85th, Kendrick of the 94th, Bell of the 58th, Evans of the 40th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Kate's Club for its outstanding service to youth, recognizing March 1, 2012,
- 2 as Kate's Club Grief Awareness Day at the capitol, and inviting Founder Kate Atwood and
- 3 the Kate's Club board of directors to be recognized by the House of Representatives; and for
- 4 other purposes.

- 5 WHEREAS, Kate's Club is a nonprofit organization that empowers children and teens facing
- 6 life after the death of a parent or sibling; and

- 7 WHEREAS, Kate's Club guides children through their grief journey in a comfortable, safe,
- 8 and uplifting setting by creating friendships with kids and young adults that share the
- 9 experience of loss; and

- 10 WHEREAS, the organization was founded by Kate Atwood in June of 2003 with six
- 11 children, their families, and an outing to a local bowling alley; and

- 12 WHEREAS, Kate's Club has touched the lives of around 425 children and more than 200
- 13 volunteers and has a curriculum of four main programs providing social, recreational, and
- 14 emotional support to participants; and

- 15 WHEREAS, studies show that there are thousands of children in metro Atlanta who are
- 16 dealing with the loss of a loved one; and

- 17 WHEREAS, the approach of Kate's Club is based on four cornerstones, all of which support
- 18 the purpose of providing grieving children and their families with an environment where they
- 19 can re-engage in life and turn a potentially debilitating loss into a growth opportunity; and

- 20 WHEREAS, Kate's Club provides a critical service to youths, their families, and
- 21 communities, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding work of this fine

22 organization and its numerous contributions to the citizens of this state be appropriately
23 recognized.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
25 the members of this body recognize March 1, 2012, as Kate's Club Grief Awareness Day at
26 the capitol; commend Kate's Club, its founder, Kate Atwood, its executive director, Emily
27 Hawkins, and its board of directors for exemplary service to Georgia's youth; and invite them
28 to be recognized by the House of Representatives at a date and time designated by the
29 Speaker of the House of Representatives.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
31 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Kate Atwood.