

House Resolution 64

By: Representative Mosby of the 83rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending LifeSouth Community Blood Centers and the Five Points of
2 Life Foundation; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, LifeSouth Community Blood Centers is one of the largest blood providers in
4 the United States, collecting and supplying blood for more than 100 medical facilities in
5 Georgia, Alabama, and Florida; and

6 WHEREAS, LifeSouth operates 19 regions that include 30 donor centers, 41 bloodmobiles,
7 and 14 indoor blood drive systems, giving LifeSouth the capacity of collecting blood at 90
8 venues daily; and

9 WHEREAS, a nonprofit organization, LifeSouth's mission is to provide a safe blood supply
10 that meets or exceeds the needs of local communities and provide patients with services in
11 support of blood and transfusion related activities; and

12 WHEREAS, with incomparable customer service and unwavering employee excellence,
13 LifeSouth helps communities increase blood supplies through donations from new and
14 existing blood donors and makes optimum use of each donation; and

15 WHEREAS, LifeSouth has helped countless individuals through its work as a founding
16 member of the National Bone Marrow Registry and through hosting the largest event blood
17 drive in the country at Dragon*Con where nearly 3,000 units were collected; and

18 WHEREAS, a leader in local blood collection, LifeSouth collects more than 37,000 units
19 annually for Georgia hospitals and maintains partnerships with local organizations such as
20 the Gwinnett Braves, the Atlanta Spirit, and the Atlanta Silverbacks to help educate
21 communities about blood donation and the bone marrow registry; and

22 WHEREAS, one of only a handful of community cord blood centers in the country seeking
23 FDA licensing, LifeSouth has completed the construction of a state of the art cord blood
24 center and has launched LifeCord, the first public cord blood bank in the Southeast
25 partnering with hospitals in Georgia to collect and store umbilical cord blood units to be
26 available for treatment and research; and

27 WHEREAS, the Five Points of Life Foundation, the affiliate foundation of LifeSouth, is the
28 only organization in the United States committed to education and awareness of the five
29 ways to share life with others through lifesaving donations of blood, apheresis, bone marrow,
30 umbilical cord blood, and tissue and organs; and

31 WHEREAS, the dedication of the Five Points of Life Foundation, LifeCord, and LifeSouth
32 Community Blood Centers to improving the lives of Georgians is appropriately recognized.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
34 the members of this body commend the Five Points of Life Foundation for continuing to
35 educate Georgians on the five ways to share life with others, LifeCord for partnering with
36 hospitals to preserve life-giving cord blood, and LifeSouth Community Blood Centers for
37 its commitment to providing Georgians with a safe blood supply that meets the needs of local
38 patients.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
40 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Five Points of Life
41 Foundation and LifeSouth Community Blood Centers.