

House Resolution 226

By: Representative Hill of the 22<sup>nd</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing February 23, 2013, as Rotary Day in Georgia; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Rotary International is the world's first and one of the largest nonprofit service  
3 organizations; and
- 4 WHEREAS, the group funds club projects and sponsors volunteers with community  
5 expertise to provide medical supplies, health care, clean water, food production, job training,  
6 and education to millions in need, particularly in developing countries; and
- 7 WHEREAS, founded on February 23, 1905, in Chicago, Illinois, today there are over 1.2  
8 million Rotary club members comprised of professional and business leaders in over 33,000  
9 clubs in 200 countries and geographic areas; and
- 10 WHEREAS, the organization is one of the world's largest privately funded sources of  
11 international scholarships and promotes international understanding through scholarships,  
12 exchange programs, and humanitarian grants; and
- 13 WHEREAS, about 40,000 students from 130 countries have studied abroad since 1947 as  
14 Rotary Ambassadorial Scholars; and
- 15 WHEREAS, 7,000 secondary school students each year experience life in another country  
16 through Rotary's Youth Exchange program; and
- 17 WHEREAS, Rotary, to date, has contributed nearly \$1.2 billion and countless volunteer  
18 hours to the protection of more than two billion children in 122 countries; and
- 19 WHEREAS, the Rotary motto "Service Above Self" inspires members to provide  
20 humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards, and promote good will and peace in  
21 the world; and

22 WHEREAS, Rotary in 1985 launched PolioPlus and spearheaded efforts with the World  
23 Health Organization, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and UNICEF to  
24 immunize the children of the world against polio; and

25 WHEREAS, polio cases have dropped by 99 percent since 1988 and the world stands on the  
26 threshold of totally eradicating the disease; and

27 WHEREAS, there are nearly 12,000 Rotarians in more than 200 clubs throughout Georgia  
28 sponsoring service projects to address such critical issues as poverty, health, hunger,  
29 illiteracy, and the environment in their local communities and abroad.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
31 the members of this body commend Rotary International for its more than 108 years of  
32 service to improving the human condition in local communities around the world and  
33 recognize February 23, 2013, as Rotary Day in Georgia.

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 Rotary Club of Canton,  
36 Georgia.