

House Resolution 251

By: Representative Dollar of the 45th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 11, 2013, as Hemophilia of Georgia Day at the state capitol; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, each year thousands of Americans are impacted by hemophilia and other
4 bleeding disorders, which includes many Georgians; and

5 WHEREAS, Hemophilia of Georgia is a nonprofit organization based in Sandy Springs
6 which is dedicated to providing services and supports to Georgians who have hemophilia,
7 von Willebrand Disease, and other inherited bleeding disorders; and

8 WHEREAS, Hemophilia of Georgia is the only such organization in the state which offers
9 these services to these individuals, working to enhance their care and quality of life; and

10 WHEREAS, Hemophilia of Georgia is celebrating its 40th anniversary of providing
11 Georgians with pharmaceutical services including blood clotting factor products, home
12 infusion training, education, and other activities for those impacted by hemophilia and other
13 bleeding disorders; and

14 WHEREAS, Hemophilia of Georgia specifically provides children with these disorders the
15 ability to attend summer camp at Camp Wannaklot, publishes "Horizons in Hemophilia," the
16 prize-winning newsletter for clients and their families to keep up-to-date with advances on
17 treatment, produces *Protocols for the Treatment of Hemophilia and von Willebrand Disease*
18 for physicians and other healthcare providers, offers financial support for hemophilia
19 treatment centers throughout Georgia to ensure that the treatment centers are fully staffed and
20 equipped, and invests in critical research for these bleeding disorders and their associated
21 complications; and

22 WHEREAS, Hemophilia of Georgia actively pursues various funding avenues to find a cure
23 for these disorders and to fund the care for those who cannot pay for the necessary care and

24 pharmaceuticals required to treat or prevent a bleeding episode, and since 2012, has provided
25 funding to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and the Aflac Cancer and Blood Disorders
26 Center at Emory University for clinical trials to find a cure for hemophilia; and

27 WHEREAS, Hemophilia of Georgia serves as a trusted resource to many healthcare
28 providers and insurers, providing each with training on bleeding disorders and their
29 appropriate care and treatment, and is recognized nationally and internationally for its work.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
31 the members of this body extend a warm greeting to Hemophilia of Georgia, its staff and
32 volunteers, and the persons the organization serves, convey to them heartiest commendations
33 for their past, present, and future work, and encourage all citizens to support Hemophilia of
34 Georgia's efforts to fund initiatives and programs to help those individuals with hemophilia
35 and bleeding disorders.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
37 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Hemophilia of Georgia.