

House Resolution 635

By: Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Fullerton of the 153rd, and Kidd of the 145th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 4, 2013, as Easter Seals Georgia Day at the state capitol; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, each year, thousands of Americans are impacted by birth defects and
4 disabilities; and

5 WHEREAS, originally known in 1919 as the National Society for Crippled Children, Easter
6 Seals began as a result of the work of Ohio businessman Edgar Allen, who lost a son to a
7 streetcar accident and later started a hospital to help children with disabilities; and

8 WHEREAS, this society launched its first Easter "seals" campaign in the spring of 1934,
9 using the lily as a symbol associated with spring and renewal, and this logo became officially
10 adopted as the entity's logo in 1952; and

11 WHEREAS, Easter Seals, a nonprofit organization which has locations across Georgia,
12 provides services and support to Georgians who have disabilities and has done so for more
13 than 50 years; and

14 WHEREAS, Easter Seal offers services to these individuals and their families, working to
15 enhance their care and quality of life through improved physical mobility, employment
16 opportunities, and greater independence for everyday living; and

17 WHEREAS, their work includes such services as Babies Can't Wait, Champions for
18 Children, Head Start and Early Head Start, physical therapy and speech-language therapy,
19 respite services for medically fragile children such as Megan's House, adult day programs,
20 and residential services; and

21 WHEREAS, Easter Seals serves as a trusted resource to many healthcare providers, insurers,
22 and families, and it provides nationally and internationally recognized care and treatments.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
24 the members of this body commend Easter Seals, its staff and volunteers, and the individuals
25 and families that these organizations serve, extend to them their heartiest commendations for
26 their past, present, and future work for those individuals in this state, throughout our nation,
27 and around the world, support Easter Seals chapters' efforts helping those individuals with
28 disabilities, and recognize March 4, 2013, as Easter Seals Georgia Day at the state capitol.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
30 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Easter Seals.