

## House Resolution 737

By: Representatives Cooper of the 43<sup>rd</sup>, Dempsey of the 13<sup>th</sup>, Watson of the 166<sup>th</sup>, and Clark of the 101<sup>st</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing May 12-18, 2013, as Nursing Home Week at the capitol; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, 38,000 of our beloved citizens of Georgia now reside in nursing homes, and  
3 skilled nursing care and post-acute care centers have contributed immeasurably to the  
4 heritage, success, and growth of our state; and

5 WHEREAS, our nursing home residents of any age or ability are themselves living history  
6 and a precious resource that should be treasured by all Georgians; and

7 WHEREAS, the staff and volunteers who care for residents in nursing homes have built their  
8 own unique traditions of providing quality care; and

9 WHEREAS, National Nursing Home Week shines a spotlight on the lifetime achievements  
10 of patients and honors the hard work and dedication of caregivers who are proud to care for  
11 these admirable men and women; and

12 WHEREAS, the number of elderly Georgians is dramatically increasing everyday; and

13 WHEREAS, over 340 members of the Georgia Health Care Association are holding events  
14 in observance of Nursing Home Week guided by this year's national theme of "Team Care:  
15 Everyone Pitches In!"; and

16 WHEREAS, Nursing Home Week begins on Mother's Day, May 12, and ends on May 18,  
17 2013; and

18 WHEREAS, during this most special week, long-term facilities from across this state will  
19 host events designed to recognize the fundamental role nursing homes play in the  
20 continuance of long-term care; and

21 WHEREAS, every nursing home community in Georgia welcomes visitors and volunteers  
22 to share in the enrichment of community spirit with our elderly and disabled citizens; and

23 WHEREAS, no elderly or disabled person should sit alone during this time to wonder if they  
24 are valued, appreciated, and loved; visiting or volunteering time at a local care facility brings  
25 honor to our fathers, mothers, grandparents, and everyone in residence and lifts the spirits  
26 of caregivers.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
28 the members of this body encourage Georgia citizens to visit their loved one, friend, or  
29 neighbor currently residing in a skilled nursing care center to show respect for all that they  
30 have given to society and to us and recognize May 12-18, 2013, as Nursing Home Week at  
31 the capitol.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
33 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Health Care  
34 Association.