

House Resolution 851

By: Representatives Cooper of the 43rd, Ramsey of the 72nd, Howard of the 124th, Watson of the 166th, Marin of the 96th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing June 20, 2013, as Diabetic Peripheral Neuropathy Alert Day at the capitol to
2 raise awareness of the dangers of Diabetic Peripheral Neuropathy; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, in the United States, it is estimated that 23.6 million people, or 7.8 percent of
4 the total population, are affected by diabetes; and

5 WHEREAS, the American Diabetes Association estimates that more than half of all people
6 with diabetes suffer from Diabetic Peripheral Neuropathy; and

7 WHEREAS, Diabetic Peripheral Neuropathy is a serious condition that damages nerve fibers
8 due to prolonged exposure to high amounts of glucose in the bloodstream; and

9 WHEREAS, Diabetic Peripheral Neuropathy often causes intense pain, frequently described
10 as aching, tingling, burning, and numbness of the feet, which often results in serious foot
11 problems due to nerve damage; and

12 WHEREAS, although it can hurt, diabetic nerve damage can also lessen the ability to feel
13 pain, heat, and cold, which means that diabetic patients may not feel a foot injury or even a
14 stone in their shoe or a nail in their foot; and

15 WHEREAS, the rate of amputations in people with diabetes is ten times higher than for
16 people without diabetes, and studies show that more than 60 percent of nontraumatic lower
17 extremity amputations are due to Diabetic Peripheral Neuropathy; and

18 WHEREAS, Diabetic Peripheral Neuropathy can occur whether a person has Type I diabetes,
19 also known as juvenile diabetes, or Type II diabetes, which is typically adult-onset; and

20 WHEREAS, Diabetic Peripheral Neuropathy accounts for more diabetes related
21 hospitalizations than any other complication; and

22 WHEREAS, it is important that Georgians with diabetes be aware of the dangers and
23 warning signs of Diabetic Peripheral Neuropathy and make healthy lifestyle choices to
24 prevent the onset of this life changing condition.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
26 the members of this body acknowledge the dangers of Diabetic Peripheral Neuropathy and
27 recognize June 20, 2013, as Diabetic Peripheral Neuropathy Alert Day at the capitol.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
29 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia chapter of the
30 American Diabetes Association.