

Senate Resolution 793

By: Senator Unterman of the 45th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Tuesday, February 18, 2014, as Thrombosis Awareness Day at the state capitol;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, more than 600,000 people in the United States are estimated to develop venous
4 thromboembolism or clots in the veins every year, and of these, about 400,000 people
5 develop deep vein thrombosis of the legs; and

6 WHEREAS, pulmonary embolism, a serious and potentially fatal complication of deep vein
7 thrombosis, affects at least 200,000 people in the United States annually; and

8 WHEREAS, the Surgeon General has declared that 100,000 to 180,000 Americans die each
9 year due to pulmonary embolism; and

10 WHEREAS, through public awareness, the State of Georgia seeks to minimize the frequency
11 of deep vein thrombosis and pulmonary embolism among all Georgia citizens and those who
12 visit the State of Georgia; and

13 WHEREAS, the National Thrombosis Awareness Foundation provides resources for
14 thousands of patients and families, including support and information, physician referrals,
15 public and professional education, and grassroots advocacy on the state and federal levels;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, raising public awareness about the seriousness of venous thromboembolism is
18 an integral part of keeping Georgia's citizens healthy.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
20 recognize Tuesday, February 18, 2014, as Thrombosis Awareness Day at the state capitol.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
22 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Chapter of the National
23 Thrombosis Awareness Foundation.