

House Resolution 1156

By: Representatives Geisinger of the 48th, Kidd of the 145th, Cooper of the 43rd, Kaiser of the 59th, Watson of the 166th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing January 27, 2014, 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 type of organization in this state which offers
9 these services to these individuals, working to enhance their care and quality of life; and

10 WHEREAS, Hemophilia of Georgia operates successful pharmacies and received
11 accreditation from the Accreditation Commission for Health Care, Incorporated,
12 demonstrating its commitment to high quality standards of care; and

13 WHEREAS, Hemophilia of Georgia has served Georgians for 40 years by providing
14 pharmaceutical services, including blood clotting factor products, home infusion training,
15 education, and other resources for those impacted by hemophilia and other bleeding
16 disorders; and

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

23 equipped, and invests in critical research for these bleeding disorders and their associated
24 complications; and

25 WHEREAS, Hemophilia of Georgia has a leading presence with the Georgia Hemophilia
26 Advisory Board, which is, in part, looking at the standards of care and treatment for persons
27 living with hemophilia and other bleeding disorders; and

28 WHEREAS, as a nonprofit, Hemophilia of Georgia tirelessly works to raise funds for its
29 work and mission, including events such as an annual golf tournament and "Trot to Clot"
30 organized 5k walks and runs around this state; and

31 WHEREAS, Hemophilia of Georgia actively pursues various funding avenues to find a cure
32 for these disorders and to fund the care for those who cannot pay for the necessary care and
33 pharmaceuticals required to treat or prevent a bleeding episode, and since 2012, it has
34 provided funding to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and the Aflac Cancer and Blood
35 Disorders Center at Emory University for clinical trials to find a cure for hemophilia; and

36 WHEREAS, Hemophilia of Georgia serves as a trusted resource to many health care
37 providers and insurers, providing each with training on bleeding disorders, including
38 appropriate care and treatment, and the organization is widely recognized nationally and
39 internationally for its work.

40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
41 the members of this body extend a warm greeting to Hemophilia of Georgia, its staff and
42 volunteers, and the persons that the organization serves and convey to them this legislative
43 body's heartiest commendation for their past, present, and future work on behalf of those
44 individuals suffering from hemophilia and other bleeding disorders in this state, throughout
45 our nation, and around the world, and we encourage all citizens to support Hemophilia of
46 Georgia's efforts to fund initiatives and programs to help those individuals with hemophilia
47 and bleeding disorders.

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