

Senate Resolution 850

By: Senators Wilkinson of the 50th, Unterman of the 45th, Ginn of the 47th, Tippins of the 37th, Miller of the 49th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing September as Dystonia Awareness Month; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, dystonia is a neurologic movement disorder characterized by involuntary
3 muscle contractions, often resulting in painful and debilitating body positions for the victim;
4 and
- 5 WHEREAS, dystonia is a nonterminal disease that takes a person living a perfectly normal
6 life and makes even the simplest of tasks impossible to achieve; and
- 7 WHEREAS, dystonia is nondegenerative and with the investment of proper resources, a cure
8 could be achieved; and
- 9 WHEREAS, dystonia affects an estimated 500,000 people in North America alone, with
10 one-third of all dystonia patients being children; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Tyler's Hope for a Dystonia Cure, a nonprofit organization, has long been
12 recognized as a leader in dystonia research and awareness; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Tyler's Hope has partnered with dystonia advocacy groups to form Team
14 Dystonia, a coalition to further awareness across the nation.
- 15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
16 recognize September as Dystonia Awareness Month to elevate awareness of this condition
17 across the State of Georgia.
- 18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
19 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the public and the press.