

## House Resolution 1233

By: Representatives O`Neal of the 146<sup>th</sup>, Parrish of the 158<sup>th</sup>, England of the 116<sup>th</sup>, Dempsey of the 13<sup>th</sup>, and Gardner of the 57<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 3, 2014, as Georgia CORE (Georgia Center for Oncology Research and  
2 Education) Day at the capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, millions of Americans, both adults and children, are impacted by cancer and  
4 cancer-related diseases annually, and 48,000 of those individuals will be diagnosed in  
5 Georgia this year with some form of cancer with 16,000 of those persons dying, and 336,000  
6 cancer survivors will live in Georgia this year; and

7 WHEREAS, Georgia, compared to other states, unfortunately has among the highest death  
8 rates from cancer; and

9 WHEREAS, Georgia CORE is a nonprofit entity that works diligently to provide higher  
10 quality, better organized, and more cost-effective cancer care to all Georgians with funding  
11 coming from individual contributions, various grants and foundation supports, clinical trials  
12 and research grants, tobacco settlement funds through the Georgia Research Alliance, and  
13 the Breast Cancer License Tag proceeds; and

14 WHEREAS, Georgia CORE works in four interrelated ways: accelerating the exchange of  
15 information, knowledge, and best practices among healthcare professionals; expanding  
16 access to state-of-the-art treatments and therapies in Georgia, including clinical trials;  
17 promoting cancer awareness, prevention, and screening in communities throughout our state;  
18 and supporting patients, their caregivers, and survivors of cancer; and

19 WHEREAS, Georgia CORE has achieved great results that include, in part, a research  
20 network of 26 leading oncology practices, hospitals, and academic centers providing care to  
21 two-thirds of all the new cancer cases in the state; extensive new clinical trials; a consortium  
22 of health departments offering genomics education and genetic risk assessment to young  
23 women at risk for hereditary forms of cancer; and membership in the National Cancer  
24 Institute through its Gynecologic Oncology Group; and

25 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
26 distinguished organization be appropriately recognized for its work by providing cancer  
27 resources to Georgians, facilitating research to eradicate this disease, and providing  
28 Georgians with their leadership on healthcare policy on cancer issues.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
30 the members of this body honor and commend Georgia CORE and its staff for their many  
31 years of efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to the citizens of this state  
32 and extend to them their most sincere best wishes.

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