

Senate Resolution 1035

By: Senators Millar of the 40th, Cowser of the 46th and Albers of the 56th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 7, 2014, as Cystic Fibrosis Education and Awareness Day at the state
2 capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, each year, thousands of Americans, including many Georgians, are impacted
4 by cystic fibrosis (CF), which is a life-threatening, genetic disease that affects the lungs and
5 digestive systems; and

6 WHEREAS, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, a nonprofit entity with chapters across the
7 country and in Georgia, serves to find a cure for CF and to improve the quality of life for
8 people living with the disease; its core mission is to ensure that all people with CF have
9 access to high-quality, specialized CF care and treatments needed to live longer, healthier
10 lives; and

11 WHEREAS, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, a donor-supported nonprofit organization, is the
12 world's leader in the search for a cure for cystic fibrosis, having raised and invested hundreds
13 of millions of dollars to help develop CF drugs and therapies; and

14 WHEREAS, through the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation's efforts, the life expectancy of a child
15 with CF has doubled in the last 30 years, and research to find a cure is more promising than
16 ever; however, even with the extraordinary progress that has been made, the lives of young
17 people with CF are still cut far too short; and

18 WHEREAS, through its unique venture philanthropy approach, the foundation invests in
19 promising CF research with leading pharmaceutical companies to accelerate treatment for
20 this rare disease; and

21 WHEREAS, the result is a robust pipeline of potential therapies, in various stages of
22 development and testing, aimed at targeting the disease from every angle; and

23 WHEREAS, the foundation's drug pipeline includes a breakthrough new therapy,
24 Kalydeco™, which addresses the underlying cause of cystic fibrosis for a small portion of
25 those with the disease; the science behind Kalydeco™ has opened new doors to research and
26 development that may eventually lead to a cure for all people with CF; and

27 WHEREAS, states play a vital role in protecting access to specialized CF care and
28 treatments, with state programs helping more than half of all children and over a third of
29 adults with the disease afford their care; as new coverage measures are implemented, states
30 will become even more central to providing access to quality, specialized care; and

31 WHEREAS, through the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation's efforts, people with CF are living into
32 their 30s and beyond, but more needs to be done to help extend the lives of those with the
33 disease; today, the CF Foundation urges elected officials to join us in its effort to add more
34 tomorrows to the lives of those affected by CF; and

35 WHEREAS, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation has invested more than \$4 million in Georgia
36 in last several years for CF research and care initiatives, and looks to increase that level of
37 funding in the coming years; this state's commitment to this community is essential in
38 securing additional clinical trials to be conducted through its research hospitals.

39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
40 recognize March 7, 2014, as Cystic Fibrosis Education and Awareness Day at the state
41 capitol, extend a warm greeting to the Georgia Chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation,
42 its staff and volunteers and the individuals and families who are served, convey to them this
43 legislative body's heartiest commendation for their past, present, and future work for those
44 individuals in this state, and encourage all citizens to support the Cystic Fibrosis chapters'
45 efforts raising awareness and research for the treatment and cure of cystic fibrosis.

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
47 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Chapter of the Cystic
48 Fibrosis Foundation, to the public, and to the press.