

House Resolution 407

By: Representative O`Neal of the 146th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 17, 2015, as Georgia CORE (Georgia Center for Oncology Research
2 and 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 thousands of individuals will be diagnosed in Georgia
5 this year with some form of cancer; and

6 WHEREAS, Georgia, compared to other states, has among the highest death rates from
7 cancer at 16,000 per year, but there is hope for those diagnosed with various cancers, with
8 336,000 cancer survivors living across this state; 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; provision of an online cancer information
22 center available at GeorgiaCancerInfo.org; extensive new clinical trials; a consortium of
23 health departments offering genomics education and genetic risk assessment to young

24 women at risk for hereditary forms of cancer; and membership in the National Cancer
25 Institute through its Gynecologic Oncology Group; and

26 WHEREAS, Georgia CORE has a host of research network affiliates including such
27 prestigious entities as the Aflac Cancer and Blood Disorders Center at Children's Healthcare
28 of Atlanta, Amos Cancer Center at Columbus Healthcare System, Anderson Cancer Institute
29 at Memorial University Medical Center, Archbold Medical Center, Georgia Cancer Center
30 for Excellence at Grady Health System, and Winship Cancer Institute at Emory University;
31 and

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

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
37 the members of this body honor and commend Georgia CORE and its staff for their many
38 years of efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to the citizens of this
39 state, extend to them their most sincere best wishes for future success, and recognize
40 February 17, 2015, as Georgia CORE Day at the capitol.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
42 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to
43 Georgia CORE.