

House Resolution 459

By: Representatives Williams of the 87th, Jackson of the 128th, Geisinger of the 48th, Wilkinson of the 52nd, Bruce of the 61st, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing June, 2015, as Not 1 Forgotten Men's Cancer Awareness Month; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control, cancer claimed the lives of nearly
4 300,000 men in America; and

5 WHEREAS, African American men are most likely to be affected by cancer, white men are
6 the second most likely to get this devastating disease, and Hispanic men are the third most
7 likely to be affected by it; and

8 WHEREAS, statistics show that a higher percentage of men than women will die from
9 cancer because men are typically diagnosed at a later stage than are women; and

10 WHEREAS, in response to this sometimes deadly diagnosis, Not 1 Forgotten was created
11 as a grassroots effort to encourage men to get tested, support cancer research, and help offset
12 the cost of mounting bills for those with no insurance; and

13 WHEREAS, Joel Gresham, founder of Not 1 Forgotten, designed the blue and black necktie
14 as a reminder of men's cancer awareness and as a national symbol of togetherness, with blue
15 signifying hope and faith and black signifying healing; and

16 WHEREAS, promoting awareness and education about men's cancer is crucial to improving
17 the health and well-being of men throughout the State of Georgia and the nation because it
18 facilitates earlier detection, improves the prognoses of men who have been diagnosed with
19 the disease, and prevents further loss of life.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
21 the members of this body commend Not 1 Forgotten for providing men with life-saving

22 information about cancer and recognize June, 2015, as Not 1 Forgotten Men's Cancer
23 Awareness Month.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
25 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Not
26 1 Forgotten.