

House Resolution 594

By: Representatives Dollar of the 45th, Geisinger of the 48th, and Kidd of the 145th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 9, 2015, as Hemophilia of Georgia Day at the state capitol; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, each year thousands of Americans, including Georgians, are impacted by
4 hemophilia and other bleeding disorders; and

5 WHEREAS, Hemophilia of Georgia, a nonprofit organization based in Sandy Springs, which
6 is dedicated to providing services and supports to Georgians who have hemophilia, von
7 Willebrand Disease, and other inherited bleeding disorders, began more than 40 years ago;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Hemophilia of Georgia is the only such organization in the state which offers
10 these services to these individuals, working to enhance their care and quality of life; and

11 WHEREAS, Hemophilia of Georgia operates successful pharmacies and received
12 accreditation from the Accreditation Commission for Health Care, Incorporated (ACHC),
13 demonstrating its commitment to high quality standards of care; and

14 WHEREAS, Hemophilia of Georgia provides pharmaceutical services to Georgians with
15 various bleeding disorders, including blood clotting factor products, home infusion training,
16 education, and other resources; and

17 WHEREAS, Hemophilia of Georgia specifically provides children with these disorders the
18 ability to attend summer camp at Camp Wannaklot; publishes *Horizons in Hemophilia*, the
19 prize-winning newsletter for clients and their families to keep up to date with advances in
20 treatment; produces *Protocols for the Treatment of Hemophilia and von Willebrand Disease*
21 for physicians and other health care providers; offers financial support for hemophilia
22 treatment centers throughout Georgia to ensure that the treatment centers are fully staffed and

23 equipped; and invests in critical research for these bleeding disorders and their associated
24 complications; and

25 WHEREAS, Hemophilia of Georgia has a leading presence with the state's Georgia
26 Hemophilia Advisory Board, which is in part looking at the standards of care and treatment
27 for persons living with hemophilia and other bleeding disorders; and

28 WHEREAS, Hemophilia of Georgia, as a nonprofit, works tirelessly to raise funding for its
29 work and mission, including events such as an annual golf tournament, Hit 'em for
30 Hemophilia, and organized 5K walks and runs around the state, Trot to Clot; and

31 WHEREAS, Hemophilia of Georgia actively pursues various funding avenues to find a cure
32 for these disorders and to fund care for those who cannot pay for the necessary medical
33 assistance and pharmaceuticals that are required to treat or prevent a bleeding episode; and

34 WHEREAS, since 2012, Hemophilia of Georgia has provided funding to St. Jude Children's
35 Research Hospital and the Aflac Cancer and Blood Disorders Center at Emory University
36 for clinical trials to find a cure for hemophilia; and

37 WHEREAS, Hemophilia of Georgia serves as a trusted resource to many health care
38 providers and insurers, providing each with training on bleeding disorders, including
39 appropriate care and treatment; and the organization is widely recognized nationally and
40 internationally for its work.

41 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
42 the members of this body recognize March 9, 2015, as Hemophilia of Georgia Day at the
43 state capitol and commend Hemophilia of Georgia for their past, present, and future work for
44 those individuals suffering from hemophilia and other bleeding disorders in this state,
45 throughout our nation, and around the world.

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
47 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
48 Hemophilia of Georgia.