

House Resolution 696

By: Representative Rice of the 95<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 30, 2015, as Georgia Myasthenia Gravis Day at the state capitol; and for  
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Myasthenia Gravis, which comes from the Greek and Latin words meaning  
4 "grave muscular weakness," is a rare, often misdiagnosed, autoimmune neuromuscular  
5 disease that causes weakness of the voluntary muscles; and

6 WHEREAS, Myasthenia Gravis symptoms may include double vision, drooping eyelids,  
7 slurred speech, difficulty chewing and swallowing, and weakness in the arms or legs; and

8 WHEREAS, it may be controlled by medication, but because of its rarity, it is often  
9 misdiagnosed and can be fatal; and

10 WHEREAS, approximately 70,000 people are living with Myasthenia Gravis in the United  
11 States today; and

12 WHEREAS, the Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of America, Inc., is a not-for-profit  
13 organization founded in 1952, and June is National Myasthenia Gravis Awareness Month;  
14 and

15 WHEREAS, the Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of America, Inc., has a network of chapters  
16 throughout the United States whose mission is to facilitate the timely diagnosis and optimal  
17 care of individuals affected by Myasthenia Gravis and to improve their lives through  
18 programs of patient service, public information, medical research, professional education,  
19 advocacy, and patient care; and

20 WHEREAS, the Georgia Chapter of the Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of America, Inc., has  
21 been providing such programs, services, advocacy, and patient care for Georgia citizens for  
22 more than 30 years; and

23 WHEREAS, the Georgia Chapter sponsored its 3rd annual Georgia MG Walk on Saturday,  
24 March 14, 2015, with one and three mile events to be held on the campus of Chamblee First  
25 United Methodist Church, Chamblee, Georgia; and

26 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding work of this  
27 distinguished organization be appropriately recognized for the service its members provide  
28 to many Georgians.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
30 the members of this body recognize March 30, 2015, as Georgia Myasthenia Gravis Day at  
31 the state capitol; commend the members of the Georgia Chapter of the Myasthenia Gravis  
32 Foundation of America, Inc., for their public services to the citizens of this state; and extend  
33 to them their most sincere best wishes.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
35 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to  
36 Georgia Chapter of the Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of America, Inc.