

Senate Resolution 572

By: Senators Gooch of the 51st, Shafer of the 48th, Cowsert of the 46th, Mullis of the 53rd, McKoon of the 29th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Jacquelyn Susanne King; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of a young woman who distinguished
3 herself in life with the passing of Jacquelyn Susanne King on September 9, 2014; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Jacquelyn was born on March 26, 1992, in DeKalb County, Georgia, a beloved
5 daughter of Ross King and Jill Bates, stepdaughter of Terry DeMeo King, and sister of
6 brother Alex King and stepbrother Nick White; and
- 7 WHEREAS, she embraced life with youthful exuberance, amplifying her talents as an
8 accomplished artist and vocalist; and
- 9 WHEREAS, she attended Parkview High School, where she actively participated in
10 academic and musical programs including state competition as a member of a female trio
11 group as well as singing at both her baccalaureate and graduation ceremonies in her senior
12 year; and
- 13 WHEREAS, she attended Gwinnett Technical College and began to venture into her career
14 path while still concentrating on her tremendous vocal skills; and
- 15 WHEREAS, she was diagnosed with stage two melanoma skin cancer in February, 2012, and
16 embarked upon a new life which involved daily medical challenges that she confronted with
17 constant courage, strength, and sense of peace; and
- 18 WHEREAS, she worked closely with the skilled medical team at Emory Winship Cancer
19 Institute, specifically with her surgeon of record, Dr. Keith Delman, to battle this disease; and

20 WHEREAS, during this period of her life, Jacquelyn embarked upon a national journey with
21 the Melanoma Research Alliance which has dedicated its mission to ensuring that 100
22 percent of all funds raised are dedicated directly to melanoma skin cancer research; and

23 WHEREAS, this journey with the Melanoma Research Alliance allowed Jacquelyn to present
24 her story in Washington, D.C., in 2014 at their Annual Conference; work on their
25 organizational rebranding campaign; and present her story to both House of Representatives
26 and Senate staff members who were working on federal legislation related to skin cancer; and

27 WHEREAS, before Jacquelyn's valiant battle with melanoma ended on September 9, 2014,
28 she personally set up the Jacquelyn King Melanoma Research Alliance Young Investigator
29 Program Fund; the fund is fully dedicated to melanoma research, so that individuals stricken
30 with this form of cancer in the future would have new medical options made available to
31 them in the hopes of them being able to defeat this disease.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
33 join in honoring the life and memory of Jacquelyn Susanne King and express their deepest
34 sympathies and most sincere regret at her passing.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
36 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the family of
37 Jacquelyn Susanne King.