

Senate Resolution 585

By: Senator Jackson of the 2nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Georgia AIDS Coalition, Inc.; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the Georgia AIDS Coalition, Inc., is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit Georgia
3 corporation established in 1989 which acts as an education resource for the formation and
4 articulation of public policy on HIV/AIDS and other health issues; and

5 WHEREAS, the Georgia AIDS Coalition, Inc., during the course of its first two decades of
6 service, provided integral leadership on issues affecting the health of the citizens of Georgia
7 by working to ensure ethical decision-making in the areas of HIV infection, AIDS, hepatitis,
8 tuberculosis, and sexually transmitted infections; and

9 WHEREAS, the Georgia AIDS Coalition, Inc., to commemorate its 20 years of service as
10 a resource organization, began to expand its historic role by beginning a series of public
11 health outreach programs; and

12 WHEREAS, the Georgia AIDS Coalition, Inc., partnered with the State of Georgia
13 Department of Public Health in 2011 to establish HIV testing sites in the Atlanta, Athens,
14 Augusta, and Savannah areas; and

15 WHEREAS, the Georgia AIDS Coalition, Inc., since 2012, through a grant from the Elton
16 John AIDS Foundation, has operated a program in the Savannah area called "Advocacy in
17 Action" to train community leaders, educators, students, and others on how to advocate for
18 issues important to the Savannah-area community before their elected representatives and
19 public officials; and

20 WHEREAS, the "Advocacy in Action" program has brought to the Savannah area a new
21 opportunity for a variety of organizations, public health services, community and education
22 leaders, and others to work together on solutions for health and social issues affecting this
23 part of the state; and

24 WHEREAS, through its partnership with the Elton John AIDS Foundation, the Georgia
25 AIDS Coalition, Inc., has brought many persons from the Savannah area over the past two
26 years to observe the legislative process at the state capitol in Atlanta, Georgia, to have the
27 opportunity to meet personally with their elected representatives, and to share with those
28 officials the concerns they have about legislative issues; and

29 WHEREAS, the Savannah area participants in the Georgia AIDS Coalition, Inc., "Advocacy
30 in Action" program continue to exercise the skills they have learned by involving themselves
31 in a variety of legislative debates during the 2014 and 2015 sessions of the Georgia General
32 Assembly; and

33 WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to recognize this outstanding civic program for the great
34 credit it reflects on the Savannah community and the State of Georgia.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
36 recognize and commend the Georgia AIDS Coalition, Inc., for its years of service to the
37 citizens of Georgia and, most recently, its "Advocacy in Action" program.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
39 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the Georgia AIDS
40 Coalition, Inc.