

Senate Resolution 713

By: Senators Beach of the 21st, Mullis of the 53rd, Millar of the 40th, Miller of the 49th, Gooch of the 51st and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing the month of November as Epilepsy Awareness Month; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, epilepsy is a neurological disorder where the brain's normal electrical pattern
3 is disrupted by sudden and synchronized bursts of electrical energy that may affect
4 consciousness, movement, or sensation while creating long-term effects on the lifestyle of
5 individuals with epilepsy; and
- 6 WHEREAS, one in 26 people will develop epilepsy, and 150,000 new cases of epilepsy are
7 diagnosed each year; and
- 8 WHEREAS, epilepsy affects between 2.2 and 3 million people in the United States and more
9 than 75,000 people in Georgia; and
- 10 WHEREAS, epilepsy is a complex neurological disorder that results in almost one-third of
11 epilepsy patients living with uncontrolled seizures due to a lack of clinically available
12 treatment that works for them; and
- 13 WHEREAS, the complexity of this disorder requires further research to find a cure and
14 additional treatments for epilepsy patients; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Epilepsy Awareness Month is recognized each November to increase awareness
16 of the disorder, highlight the need for further research, and demonstrate support for the
17 millions of people living with epilepsy in the United States; and
- 18 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia joins the Epilepsy Foundation and other interested agencies
19 and organizations in encouraging patients, supporters, health care providers, and the general
20 public to share information about this disease and available treatments, giving hope of a
21 better future for people with epilepsy.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
23 recognize the month of November as Epilepsy Awareness Month and encourage all citizens
24 to support the search for a cure and assist those individuals and families who deal with this
25 disabling disease.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
27 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the
28 press.