

Senate Resolution 910

By: Senators Orrock of the 36th, Henson of the 41st, Seay of the 34th, Butler of the 55th, Fort of the 39th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of February as American Heart Month in Georgia; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia celebrates the extraordinary progress in heart health and
4 recognizes that more needs to be done in Georgia to safeguard heart health for generations
5 to come; and

6 WHEREAS, some 85 million Americans are affected by major cardiovascular disease; and

7 WHEREAS, Georgia ranks 11th among 50 states in the highest number of heart disease
8 deaths in 2014; and

9 WHEREAS, there are approximately 750,000 heart attacks in the United States and over
10 7,400 in Georgia annually; and

11 WHEREAS, there are over 300,000 out-of-hospital sudden cardiac arrests in the United
12 States and approximately 10,000 in Georgia annually; and

13 WHEREAS, the survival rate for out-of-hospital sudden cardiac arrest averages
14 approximately 10 percent annually; and

15 WHEREAS, there are over 610,000 American lives and 22,000 Georgia lives lost to major
16 cardiovascular disease annually; and

17 WHEREAS, heart disease is the number one killer of Americans and Georgians; and

18 WHEREAS, the risk factors for heart disease are smoking, high blood pressure, high
19 cholesterol and high triglyceride levels, overweight/obesity, physical inactivity, diabetes, a
20 family history of early heart disease, and age; and

21 WHEREAS, Georgians can take action to protect their heart health and prevent heart disease
22 by taking steps to prevent and control the risk factors for the disease; and

23 WHEREAS, keeping Georgians healthy and promoting awareness of health issues, including
24 heart disease, is an important responsibility and depends on the actions of many
25 organizations and groups in our community; and

26 WHEREAS, heart health remains a priority for families, communities, and government, and
27 our commitment to keeping Georgians healthy is stronger than ever; and

28 WHEREAS, the goal of building awareness of heart disease risk and empowering Georgians
29 to reduce their risk and prevent heart disease is better outcomes; and

30 WHEREAS, Georgians must take action to make heart health a priority for themselves and
31 their families, become aware of their risk for heart disease, and take the necessary steps to
32 maintain a healthy heart.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
34 recognize the month of February as American Heart Month in Georgia, and encourage all
35 citizens to work together to promote and improve the health of Georgians and increase
36 awareness and understanding of heart disease.

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