

## Senate Resolution 1007

By: Senators Burke of the 11th, Unterman of the 45th, Miller of the 49th, Harbison of the 15th, Hufstetler of the 52nd and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Georgia CORE and recognizing March 2, 2016, as Georgia CORE Day at the  
2 state capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, millions of Americans, both adults and children, are impacted by cancer and  
4 cancer-related diseases annually, and thousands of those individuals will be diagnosed in  
5 Georgia this year with some form of cancer; and

6 WHEREAS, Georgia's incidence rate of cancer is among the highest rates in the country, and  
7 many Georgians will die from cancer this year; and

8 WHEREAS, there is hope for those with cancer as thousands who have received such a  
9 diagnosis will also be survivors; and

10 WHEREAS, Georgia CORE (Georgia Center for Oncology Research and Education) is a  
11 public-private partnership based in Atlanta which works diligently in its efforts to provide  
12 higher quality, better organized, and more cost-effective cancer care to all citizens of this  
13 state with funding coming from individual contributions, various grants and support from  
14 foundations, clinical trials and research grants, Tobacco Settlement funds, and the Breast  
15 Cancer License Tag proceeds; and

16 WHEREAS, the organization works in four interrelated ways: accelerating the exchange of  
17 information, knowledge, and best practices among health care professionals; expanding  
18 access to state-of-the-art treatments and therapies in Georgia, including clinical trials;  
19 promoting cancer awareness, prevention, and screening in communities throughout this state;  
20 and supporting patients, their caregivers, and survivors of cancer; and

21 WHEREAS, Georgia CORE has achieved great results with its work, including its research  
22 network of leading oncology practices, hospitals, and academic centers which provide care  
23 to two-thirds of all of the new cancer cases in this state; its online cancer information

24 available at GeorgiaCancerInfo.org; the Cancer Survivorship Connection, an interactive  
25 portal to provide resources to survivors, caregivers, and health care providers; extensive new  
26 clinical trials; a consortium of health departments offering genomics education and genetic  
27 risk assessment to young women at risk for hereditary forms of cancer; and membership in  
28 the Georgia NCI Community Oncology Research Program; and

29 WHEREAS, Georgia CORE has a host of research network affiliates, including such  
30 prestigious entities as the Aflac Cancer and Blood Disorders Center/Children's Healthcare  
31 of Atlanta, Amos Cancer Center at Columbus Healthcare System, Anderson Cancer Institute  
32 at Memorial University Medical Center, Archbold Medical Center, Cancer Services at  
33 Northeast Georgia Medical Center, Georgia Cancer Center for Excellence at Grady Health  
34 System, GRU Cancer Center, Harbin Clinic Cancer Center, The Nancy N. and J.C. Lewis  
35 Cancer and Research Pavilion at St. Joseph's/Candler, Northside Hospital Cancer Institute,  
36 Peyton Anderson Cancer Center at Navicent Health, Piedmont Cancer Institute, and Winship  
37 Cancer Institute at Emory University; and

38 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
39 distinguished organization be appropriately recognized for its work to provide cancer  
40 resources to Georgians, facilitating research to eradicate this disease, and providing  
41 Georgians with leadership on health care policy relating to cancer issues.

42 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
43 commend Georgia CORE for years of efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated public  
44 service to the citizens of this state and recognize March 2, 2016, as Georgia CORE Day at  
45 the state capitol.

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
47 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Georgia CORE.