

House Resolution 1405

By: Representatives Cooper of the 43rd, Clark of the 101st, Howard of the 124th, Jones of the 47th, Ramsey of the 72nd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending those that support persons diagnosed and living with Type 1 Diabetes and
2 recognizing February 23, 2016, as Type 1 Diabetes Day at the state capitol; and for other
3 purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Type 1 Diabetes is an autoimmune disease where the body's immune system
5 destroys insulin-producing beta cells within the pancreas; those living with Type 1 Diabetes
6 constantly monitor their glucose levels in an attempt to mimic the pancreas secretion of
7 insulin; and

8 WHEREAS, while there is no known cure for Type 1 Diabetes, more than three million
9 children and adults, 8,000 of whom are children living in Georgia, live with Type 1 Diabetes
10 and approximately 500 children in Georgia are diagnosed annually; and

11 WHEREAS, the following companies have agreed to partner to increase the awareness of
12 Type 1 Diabetes: the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF), a non-profit,
13 community service organization dedicated to research and education for Type 1 Diabetes;
14 companies such as Dexcom and Medtronic, which provide Continuous Glucose Monitors to
15 assist people living with the disease with tools to continuously monitor glucose levels; and
16 Omnipod, which, along with Medtronic, develops and manufactures insulin pumps that treat
17 the disease, supports research, is a leading contributor in the development of a new device
18 therapy, the closed loop artificial pancreas, to relieve the continuous burden of monitoring
19 and treating the disease, and is committed to finding a cure for Type 1 Diabetes; and

20 WHEREAS, there is an urgent need for research to prevent Type 1 Diabetes, to develop new
21 devices and therapies that optimize blood-glucose control or restore a person's
22 insulin-producing capability, to increase knowledge, encourage advocacy, and to promote
23 safe care for those living with Type 1 Diabetes; and

24 WHEREAS, the ultimate goal is to find a cure for this type of Diabetes and turn Type 1 into
25 Type None so that people can live fulfilling lives; and

26 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia supports JDRF, Medtronic, Omnipod, and Dexcom in their
27 mission to develop new devices and therapies that optimize blood-glucose control or restore
28 a person's insulin-producing capability.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body commend those that support persons diagnosed and living with
31 Type 1 Diabetes, including the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, Omnipod,
32 Medtronic, and Dexcom, and recognize February 23, 2016, as Type 1 Diabetes Day at the
33 state capitol.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
35 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Della
36 H. Stoner, organizer of Type 1 Diabetes Day at the state capitol on behalf of JDRF, Dexcom,
37 Omnipod, and Medtronic.