

House Resolution 1521

By: Representatives Kidd of the 145th, Dollar of the 45th, and Sharper of the 177th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 7, 2016, as Hemophilia of Georgia Day at the state capitol; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Hemophilia of Georgia, a long-standing nonprofit organization based in Sandy
4 Springs that is dedicated to providing services and support to Georgians who have
5 hemophilia, von Willebrand Disease, and other inherited bleeding disorders, serves the
6 individuals in this state; and

7 WHEREAS, Hemophilia of Georgia is the only nonprofit organization in this state offering
8 education, delivery of necessary clotting factors to patients' homes, home-infusion training
9 and care on these diseases, and activities for affected individuals and their families, working
10 to enhance their overall quality of life; and

11 WHEREAS, Hemophilia of Georgia operates successful pharmacies and received
12 accreditation from the Accreditation Commission for Health Care, Incorporated,
13 demonstrating its commitment to high quality standards of care; and

14 WHEREAS, Hemophilia of Georgia specifically provides children with these disorders the
15 ability to attend summer camp at Camp Wannaklot; publishes *Horizons in Hemophilia*, the
16 prize-winning newsletter for clients and their families to keep up to date with advances on
17 treatment; produces online *Protocols for the Treatment of Hemophilia and von Willebrand*
18 *Disease* for physicians and other health care providers; offers financial support for
19 hemophilia treatment centers throughout Georgia to ensure that the treatment centers are
20 fully staffed and equipped; and invests in critical research for these bleeding disorders and
21 their associated complications; and

22 WHEREAS, for more than 40 years, Hemophilia of Georgia has served as a leading presence
23 on these disorders and has also been a voice on the Georgia Hemophilia Advisory Board,

24 which in part looks at the standards of care and treatment for persons living with hemophilia
25 and other bleeding disorders; and

26 WHEREAS, Hemophilia of Georgia works tirelessly with its financial partners, including
27 members of the Atlanta Braves organization, to raise funding for its work and mission,
28 including events such as an annual golf tournament, Hit 'em for Hemophilia, and organized
29 5K walks and runs around this state, Trot to Clot; and

30 WHEREAS, Hemophilia of Georgia actively pursues avenues to find a cure for these
31 disorders and to fund the care for those who cannot pay for the necessary medical assistance
32 and pharmaceuticals required to treat or prevent a bleeding episode; and

33 WHEREAS, Hemophilia of Georgia has provided funding to St. Jude Children's Research
34 Hospital and the Aflac Cancer and Blood Disorders Center at Emory University for clinical
35 trials to find a cure for hemophilia; and

36 WHEREAS, through advocacy of Hemophilia of Georgia and other entities similar to it
37 around the nation, the United States Department of Health and Human Services has declared
38 March, 2016, as Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month in an effort to bring more awareness
39 to hemophilia and other bleeding disorders; and

40 WHEREAS, Hemophilia of Georgia serves as a trusted resource to many health care
41 providers and insurers, providing each with training on bleeding disorders, including
42 appropriate care and treatment, and the organization is widely recognized nationally and
43 internationally for its work.

44 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
45 the members of this body recognize March 7, 2016, as Hemophilia of Georgia Day at the
46 state capitol and commend Hemophilia of Georgia, its CEO, Maria Manahan, and her staff,
47 the entity's volunteers, and the persons that the organization serves for their past, present, and
48 future work for those individuals suffering from hemophilia and other bleeding disorders in
49 this state, throughout the nation, and around the world.

50 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
51 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to
52 Hemophilia of Georgia and Maria Manahan.