

House Resolution 160

By: Representatives Peake of the 141st, Hatchett of the 150th, Dickey of the 140th, Fleming of the 121st, and Stephens of the 164th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Georgia Trauma Commission (GTC), the Georgia Trauma Foundation
2 (GTF), the Georgia Society of the American College of Surgeons (GSACS), and GTC
3 Chairman Dr. Dennis Ashley and recognizing February 7, 2017, as Trauma Awareness Day
4 at the capitol; and for other purposes.

5 WHEREAS, a traumatic injury is a blunt force or penetrating physical injury that requires
6 surgical and other medical specialists to consult, observe, or perform surgery in order to
7 optimize recovery; and

8 WHEREAS, a trauma system involves the coordination of trauma care delivery among
9 trauma centers, emergency medical services, state and local governments, and other
10 healthcare resources; and

11 WHEREAS, trauma centers are classified as Level I through IV dependent upon the amount
12 of equipment, staff, and care provided; and

13 WHEREAS, trauma is the leading cause of death in the United States for people ages one
14 through 44 and the fourth leading cause of death for all ages; and

15 WHEREAS, the death or disability rate decreases by 20 to 40 percent in areas with
16 established trauma systems; and

17 WHEREAS, uncontrollable bleeding is the leading cause of preventable death from traumatic
18 injury; and

19 WHEREAS, the Georgia Trauma Commission, Georgia Trauma Foundation, and Georgia
20 Society of the American College of Surgeons are committed to equipping Georgia citizens
21 with the knowledge and tools to Stop the Bleed in the event they are a witness to a massive
22 bleeding situation.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
24 the members of this body commend Georgia's trauma professionals, the Georgia Trauma
25 Commission, the Georgia Trauma Foundation, and the Georgia Society of the American
26 College of Surgeons and recognize February 7, 2017, as Trauma Awareness Day at the
27 capitol.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
29 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
30 press and public.