

## Senate Resolution 145

By: Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Burke of the 11th, Cowser of the 46th, Tillery of the 19th, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd and others

## 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 SENATE that the members of this body  
24 commend Georgia's trauma professionals, the Georgia Trauma Commission, the Georgia  
25 Trauma Foundation, and the Georgia Society of the American College of Surgeons and  
26 recognize February 7, 2017, as Trauma Awareness Day at the capitol.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
28 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the press and  
29 public.