

Senate Resolution 166

By: Senators Burke of the 11th, Black of the 8th, Kirk of the 13th, Mullis of the 53rd and Tillery of the 19th

A RESOLUTION

1 Declaring February 8, 2017, as Georgia CORE (Georgia Center for Oncology Research and
2 Education) Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, annually millions of Americans, both adults and children, are impacted by
4 cancer and cancer-related diseases; and

5 WHEREAS, each year many of those diagnosed individuals are Georgians; and

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

8 WHEREAS, Georgians have the same hopes that if they receive such a diagnosis that they
9 will be fortunate to get the necessary care to be survivors and that they will be joined by
10 other survivors in our great state; and

11 WHEREAS, Georgia CORE is a small public-private partnership based in Atlanta which has
12 a large ambition to provide the highest quality, better organized, more cost-efficient, and
13 patient-centered cancer care to Georgians; and

14 WHEREAS, to achieve its goals, Georgia CORE works diligently providing higher quality,
15 better organized, and more cost-effective cancer care to our state's citizens through funding
16 coming from individual contributions, various grants and foundation's support, clinical trials
17 and research grants, Tobacco Settlement funds, and the Breast Cancer License Tag Proceeds;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Georgia CORE has seen numerous problems with the advancement of cancer
20 care and research, including: limited research infrastructure and uneven access to clinical
21 trials; insufficient participation to disparate populations in cancer research; fragmented
22 patient-centered information on cancer care and survivorship uninformed by needs and

23 perspective of patients and caregivers; and limited use of promising and evidence-based
24 approaches to cancer screening and prevention; and

25 WHEREAS, Georgia CORE works in four interrelated ways to help with these problems:
26 accelerating the exchange of information, knowledge, and best practices among healthcare
27 professionals; expanding access to state-of-the-art treatments and therapies in Georgia,
28 including clinical trials; promoting cancer awareness, prevention, and screening in
29 communities throughout our state; and supporting patients, their caregivers, and survivors
30 of cancer; and

31 WHEREAS, Georgia CORE has achieved great results with its work, including its research
32 network of leading oncology practices, hospitals, and academic centers which with their
33 professionals provide care to two-thirds of all of the new cancer cases in the state; its on-line
34 cancer information available at GeorgiaCancerInfo.org; the Cancer Survivorship Connection,
35 an interactive portal to provide survivorship resources to survivors, caregivers, and
36 healthcare providers; extensive new clinical trials; a consortium of health departments
37 offering genomics education and genetic risk assessment to young women at risk for
38 hereditary forms of cancer; and membership in the Georgia NCI Community Oncology
39 Research Program; and

40 WHEREAS, Georgia CORE enjoys a host of research network affiliates, partners, and
41 volunteers spread across our state; and

42 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
43 distinguished organization be appropriately recognized for its work by providing cancer
44 resources to Georgians, facilitating research to eradicate this disease, and providing
45 Georgians their leadership on healthcare policy on cancer issues.

46 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
47 commend Georgia CORE, its staff, and volunteers for their years of efficient, effective,
48 unselfish, and dedicated public service to the citizens of this state and extend to them their
49 most sincere best wishes and declare February 8, 2017, as Georgia CORE Day at the state
50 capitol.

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