

## House Resolution 209

By: Representatives Rynders of the 152<sup>nd</sup>, Greene of the 151<sup>st</sup>, Dukes of the 154<sup>th</sup>, Ealum of the 153<sup>rd</sup>, Bentley of the 139<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating Easter Seals Southern Georgia, Inc., on the occasion of its 60th anniversary  
2 and recognizing February 22, 2017, as Easter Seals Day at the state capitol; and for other  
3 purposes;

4 WHEREAS, Easter Seals Southern Georgia, Inc., was founded in 1957 by Mildred Nix Huie  
5 following several years of diligent efforts to bring medical rehabilitation services to that  
6 region of Georgia; and

7 WHEREAS, the organization provided medical rehabilitation services for the first time that  
8 year and for many years afterwards, under the direction of Dr. John Meier; and

9 WHEREAS, in 1971, a new state-of-the-art building on Palmyra Road was constructed using  
10 Hill Burton funding and community donated matching dollars; and

11 WHEREAS, vocational and employment services were added to the array of rehabilitation  
12 services in 1980 with the construction of a new workshop funded by the State of Georgia  
13 under the leadership of the late Senator Al Holloway; and

14 WHEREAS, in 1990, Easter Seals Southern Georgia, Inc., became a direct affiliate of the  
15 national Easter Seals organization thereby providing autonomy with a local governing board;  
16 and

17 WHEREAS, in 1992, the organization began a strategic planning process that has allowed  
18 Easter Seals Southern Georgia, Inc., to grow into the largest provider of services to  
19 individuals with developmental disabilities in this state; and

20 WHEREAS, in 1993, with the assistance of the late Senator Rooney Bowen, the family  
21 support program was implemented; and

22 WHEREAS, in 2008, Easter Seals Southern Georgia, Inc., in collaboration with the four  
23 other Easter Seals affiliates in the state, received funding for the "Champions for Children"  
24 program through a competitive bid process and has been the beneficiary of additional  
25 funding from the Georgia General Assembly as a result of its performance in exceeding  
26 project expectation; and

27 WHEREAS, during its 2016 fiscal year, Easter Seals Southern Georgia, Inc., served over  
28 5,000 children and adults with disabilities in 60 Georgia counties with high-quality services,  
29 and this year the organization enjoys the delightful distinction of celebrating its 60th  
30 anniversary.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
32 the members of this body congratulate Easter Seals Southern Georgia, Inc., on the occasion  
33 of its 60th anniversary and recognize February 22, 2017, as Easter Seals Day at the state  
34 capitol.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
36 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Easter Seals Southern  
37 Georgia, Inc.