

Senate Resolution 210

By: Senator Sims of the 12th

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating Easter Seals Southern Georgia, Inc., on the occasion of its 60th anniversary;
2 and for other purposes.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
31 congratulate Easter Seals Southern Georgia, Inc., on the occasion of its 60th anniversary.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
33 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Easter Seals
34 Southern Georgia, Inc.