

Senate Resolution 219

By: Senators Hill of the 6th, Harbison of the 15th, Thompson of the 14th, Millar of the 40th, Dugan of the 30th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Bert's Big Adventure's 15 year anniversary; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Bert's Big Adventure will be celebrating the 15th anniversary of its founding;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, under the guiding hand of its founders, Bert and Stacey Weiss, and the
6 exemplary work ethic demonstrated daily by its dedicated employees, this outstanding
7 company has grown from its humble beginnings in 2002 to become one of the leading
8 nonprofit organizations in this state; and

9 WHEREAS, Bert's Big Adventure provides a magical, all-expenses-paid, five-day journey
10 to Walt Disney World for children with chronic and terminal illnesses and their families; and

11 WHEREAS, following the annual trip, Bert's Big Adventure provides year-round support
12 through initiatives such as the Reunion Adventures, the Fairy Godparent volunteer program,
13 and additional charitable services; and

14 WHEREAS, the trip and programs create a community of families that establish lasting
15 friendships with others facing similar challenges; and

16 WHEREAS, the Bert's Big Adventure Fairy Godparent volunteer program supports the
17 organization's families when a Bert's Big Adventure child is admitted to a partner hospital;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, its volunteers are staunch supporters of the community and unselfishly devote
20 innumerable hours of their time and talents to support these families by volunteering to visit
21 the children daily and provide magical moments during a trying time; and

22 WHEREAS, following the annual trip, Bert's Big Adventure strives to further strengthen its
23 established community and friendships by hosting Reunion Adventures; and

24 WHEREAS, the exclusive and unique events provide the families with year-round
25 opportunities to enjoy more VIP experiences and intimate family time away from doctor
26 visits and hospital stays; and

27 WHEREAS, Bert's Big Adventure recognizes that managing a funeral after an unexpected
28 death can mean additional stress for a family already coping with grief and Bert's Big
29 Adventure strives to pay the funeral costs for any Bert's Big Adventure child who passes
30 away so that the family can focus on healing.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
32 recognize and commend Bert's Big Adventure for its 15 years of serving more than 160
33 children with chronic and terminal illnesses and their families in the special needs
34 community in Georgia.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
36 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Bert's Big
37 Adventure.