

House Resolution 301

By: Representative Efstration of the 104th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Karen Thieken for her outstanding work with Sepsis Alliance in raising awareness
2 of sepsis in Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, sepsis is the body's overwhelming response to infection, which can lead to
4 tissue damage, organ failure, amputations, and death, and it affects over 26 million people
5 worldwide each year; and

6 WHEREAS, sepsis is the leading cause of death in United States hospitals, and the mortality
7 rate for this disease increases by 8 percent for every hour that treatment is delayed; and

8 WHEREAS, it is the largest killer of children, killing more than five million each year; and

9 WHEREAS, as many as 80 percent of sepsis deaths could be prevented with rapid diagnosis
10 and treatment; and

11 WHEREAS, despite efforts to raise awareness of sepsis, only 55 percent of adults in the
12 United States have heard of the disease; and

13 WHEREAS, Karen Thieken, a volunteer ambassador for Sepsis Alliance, has dedicated
14 numerous hours of her time, talents, and energy to raising awareness of this debilitating and
15 deadly disease; and

16 WHEREAS, her hard work, determination, and compassion have earned her the admiration
17 and respect of her colleagues and peers; and

18 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper to commend Karen Thieken for her
19 outstanding work with Sepsis Alliance in educating others about this disease.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
21 the members of this body honor Karen Thieken for her contributions toward raising
22 awareness of sepsis and its devastating impact on the state and nation.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
24 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Karen
25 Thieken.