

Senate Resolution 241

By: Senators Jackson of the 2nd, Fort of the 39th, Davenport of the 44th and Orrock of the 36th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Georgia AIDS Coalition; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the Georgia AIDS Coalition is a nonprofit Georgia corporation recognized as
3 a 501(c)(3) organization by the Internal Revenue Service for its work in improving the health
4 care of citizens of this state with AIDS, HIV, and other diseases through its leadership role
5 in formulating public policy, promoting education programs, and delivering support services
6 regarding these diseases; and

7 WHEREAS, the Georgia AIDS Coalition has focused on its work since 2013 on the coastal
8 and southeast areas of this state through the auspices of a multiyear grant from the Elton John
9 AIDS Foundation, during which time the Georgia AIDS Coalition has been an important
10 resource to the coastal and southeast health districts in their mission of providing health
11 services directed to citizens with AIDS, HIV, and similar diseases; and

12 WHEREAS, the Georgia AIDS Coalition has also worked with Savannah State University,
13 Armstrong University, and Georgia Southern University, as well as a coalition of local
14 community based organizations, including First City Network, Care, Inc., Savannah PRIDE,
15 Union Mission, TEE, Phoenix House, and Rape Crisis to assist those institutions with local
16 educational opportunities to deal with AIDS and HIV, as these diseases impact youth,
17 minorities, and other at-risk communities; and

18 WHEREAS, an important component of the Georgia AIDS Coalition's responsibilities with
19 the Elton John AIDS Coalition grant is to train citizens from southeastern Georgia in the art
20 of articulating their health care needs so they can, in turn, vocalize their concerns to local and
21 state officials, an initiative which is highlighted by a visit to the state capitol during the
22 General Assembly to educate their state senators and representatives on the health issues
23 which impact their constituencies.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
25 commend the Georgia AIDS Coalition for providing continuing leadership in formulating
26 public policy, promoting education programs, and delivering support services regarding HIV,
27 AIDS, and similar diseases.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
29 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the Georgia AIDS
30 Coalition.