

House Resolution 500

By: Representatives Gardner of the 57th, Evans of the 42nd, and Wilkerson of the 38th

A RESOLUTION

1 Promoting awareness of cervical cancer prevention and the availability of human
2 papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination to the parents and children of the State of Georgia and
3 honoring Triana James for her advocacy; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, cervical cancer is a devastating and potentially fatal disease that affects
5 hundreds of women each year in the State of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, cervical cancer is a disease that is preventable with proper HPV vaccination;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, HPV is a cause of cervical cancer and cancers of the mouth and pharynx, and
9 there is no cure or treatment for HPV infection; and

10 WHEREAS, HPV is spread through oral and genital contact and can be spread, although
11 rarely, from pregnant women to their babies during delivery; and

12 WHEREAS, approximately one in five Americans are infected with HPV, which can be
13 spread with no signs or symptoms, and many people with HPV are unaware that they are
14 infected; and

15 WHEREAS, approximately 14 million people become newly infected with HPV each year;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, educating parents and children about the HPV vaccines and cervical cancer
18 prevention is a necessary and worthwhile practice; and

19 WHEREAS, the CDC recommends two doses of the HPV vaccine given at least six months
20 apart at ages 11 and 12 years to provide safe, effective, and long-lasting protection against
21 HPV cancers; and

22 WHEREAS, all three HPV vaccines – Gardasil, Gardasil 9, and Cervarix – are safe,
23 effective, and recommended by the CDC; and

24 WHEREAS, the recommendation for females has been in place since 2007 and for males
25 since 2011. Studies have shown that a strong, clear recommendation from a healthcare
26 provider is associated with HPV vaccination; and

27 WHEREAS, Georgia HPV vaccination rates for females are lower than the national rate.
28 Nationally, 53.8 percent of females ages 13-17 have received one or more doses of HPV
29 vaccine and 33.4 percent have completed the entire course. In Georgia, 52.3 percent of
30 females ages 13-17 have received one or more doses of HPV vaccine and 29 percent have
31 completed the entire course; and

32 WHEREAS, Georgia HPV vaccination rates for males are lower than the national rate.
33 Nationally, 20.8 percent of males ages 13-17 have received one or more doses of the HPV
34 vaccine and 19.5 percent have completed the entire course. In Georgia, 19.8 percent have
35 received one or more doses of HPV vaccine and 8.7 percent have completed the entire
36 course.

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
38 the members of this body promote awareness of cervical cancer prevention and the
39 availability of human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination to the parents and children of the
40 State of Georgia and honor Triana James for her dedicated advocacy.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
42 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
43 Triana James.