

Senate Resolution 693

By: Senators Shafer of the 48th, Tippins of the 37th, Unterman of the 45th, Ginn of the 47th and Thompson of the 14th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and remembering Trey McKinley Grisham, commending the Georgia chapter
2 of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, and recognizing February 12, 2018, as
3 AFSP Georgia Suicide Prevention Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Trey McKinley Grisham proved within his lifetime how much of a symbol of
5 happiness and hope he was to the City of Kennesaw, Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, as a young man, Trey played lacrosse on the varsity team at North Cobb High
7 School, which allowed him to display his love for the game as well as his athletic abilities,
8 and performed in several plays and productions with the drama club; he not only lettered in
9 lacrosse and drama but was also inducted as a thespian; and

10 WHEREAS, his personality allowed him to make friends with whomever he met, and during
11 his time here, he had made it a daily personal goal to make someone's day better; and

12 WHEREAS, suicide is the tenth leading cause of death in the United States and the second
13 leading cause of death among those aged 15-24; and

14 WHEREAS, deaths as a result of suicide in the United States have increased to their highest
15 levels in nearly 30 years, with increases in suicide rates occurring in every age group except
16 those who are 75 and older; and

17 WHEREAS, in the year 2016, 44,965 people in the United States, 1,409 of whom were
18 Georgians, died by suicide; and

19 WHEREAS, the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) is dedicated to saving
20 lives, bringing hope to those affected by suicide, and has chapters in all 50 states; and

21 WHEREAS, AFSP's Georgia chapter is celebrating its twelfth year of scientific research
22 funding, educating the public about mental health and suicide prevention, advocating for
23 public policies in mental health and suicide prevention, and supporting survivors of suicide
24 loss, including the family and friends of Trey McKinley Grisham; and

25 WHEREAS, tens of thousands of Georgians have participated in AFSP Georgia's activities
26 by raising awareness and funding through organizing and participating in walks located in
27 various cities and on high school and college campuses around the State of Georgia; and

28 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this exemplary foundation be recognized
29 for its positive impact on the lives of people throughout the United States of America, and
30 for its active role in working toward decreasing the suicide rate in this country.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
32 recognize and remember Trey McKinley Grisham, commend the Georgia chapter of the
33 American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, and recognize February 12, 2018, as AFSP
34 Georgia Suicide Prevention Day at the state capitol.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
36 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the family of Trey
37 McKinley Grisham and to the Georgia chapter of the American Foundation for Suicide
38 Prevention.