

Senate Resolution 698

By: Senator James of the 35th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Thomas Lamb Haltom for saving the life of Senator James
2 during the 2017 Legislative Session; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Thomas Lamb Haltom has served as an emergency physician at various
4 locations across the State of Georgia since 1989; and

5 WHEREAS, born in Meadville, Mississippi, Dr. Haltom received his bachelor's degree from
6 Millsaps College and his medical degree from the University of Mississippi, and is united
7 in love and marriage to Kay Kirkpatrick, who serves as a Senator in the Georgia General
8 Assembly; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Haltom has shared his wealth of knowledge and experience throughout his
10 career and has presented on various topics relative to the medical field, and he is an active
11 member of several medical societies; and

12 WHEREAS, he has served his community through volunteer work with multiple
13 organizations, including at the National Scout Jamboree and as an emergency physician; and

14 WHEREAS, during the 2017 Legislative Session at the Georgia State Capitol, Dr. Haltom
15 noticed that Senator James was acting strangely after she had told him that she was not
16 feeling well and felt as though she was going to pass out before she entered the chamber; and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Haltom insisted that she seek immediate medical care, warning that waiting
18 as little as two hours could have a tragic outcome and referred her to a lung specialist at
19 Atlanta Medical, where she was seen that very day; and

20 WHEREAS, it was learned that Senator James had been previously misdiagnosed with
21 bronchitis, when she in fact had a case of double pneumonia and a blood clot in her lung; and

22 WHEREAS, the awareness and quick thinking of Dr. Haltom ultimately saved the life of
23 Senator James that fateful day at the capitol, and she is forever grateful and indebted to him
24 for taking action; and

25 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that Dr. Haltom be recognized for his
26 achievements as an emergency medical physician and honored for saving the life of Senator
27 James during the 2017 Legislative Session.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
29 recognize and commend Dr. Thomas Lamb Haltom.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
31 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Dr. Thomas Lamb
32 Haltom.