

House Resolution 1059

By: Representatives Silcox of the 52nd, Cooper of the 43rd, Newton of the 123rd, Lott of the 122nd, and Schofield of the 60th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending individuals diagnosed and living with Type 1 Diabetes, those who support and
2 advocate for them, and recognizing March 15, 2018, as Type 1 Diabetes Day at the state
3 capitol; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Type 1 Diabetes is an autoimmune disease in which a person's pancreas stops
5 producing insulin, a hormone that enables people to produce energy from food. It occurs
6 when the body's immune system attacks and destroys the insulin-producing cells in the
7 pancreas, called the beta cells. Its onset has nothing to do with diet or lifestyle. There is no
8 prevention for Type 1 Diabetes, and at present, no cure; and

9 WHEREAS, Type 1 Diabetes strikes both children and adults at any age. It comes on
10 suddenly, causes dependence on artificial insulin for life, and carries the constant threat of
11 devastating complications up to and including death; and

12 WHEREAS, there are more than three million children and adults living with Type 1
13 Diabetes; and

14 WHEREAS, more than 8,000 children and an unknown number of adults in Georgia live
15 with Type 1 Diabetes; and

16 WHEREAS, approximately 500 children are diagnosed each year in the State of Georgia; and

17 WHEREAS, there is a pressing need to educate, encourage advocacy, and promote safe care
18 for those living with Type 1 Diabetes; and

19 WHEREAS, the ultimate goal is to find a cure for this type of diabetes and turn Type 1 into
20 Type None so that people can live fulfilling lives.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
22 the members of this body recognize March 15, 2018, as Type 1 Diabetes Day at the state
23 capitol and commending individuals and families living with the condition.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
25 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to
26 Della H. Stoner.