

House Resolution 1200

By: Representatives Dreyer of the 59th, Wilkerson of the 38th, Jackson of the 64th, Park of the 101st, McGowan of the 138th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the contributions of Georgia's family and professional
2 caregivers; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, caregivers are responsible for providing care for our state's most vulnerable
4 populations, including the elderly, sick, and disabled; and

5 WHEREAS, the population of Americans over the age of 65 is growing rapidly; and

6 WHEREAS, seventy percent of adults over the age of 65 need long-term care for an average
7 of three years; and

8 WHEREAS, eighty percent of care is provided by unpaid family members; and

9 WHEREAS, forty-five percent of all caregivers are caring for both their children and parents;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, sixty-two percent of family caregivers also must work full-time jobs; and

12 WHEREAS, ten percent of family caregivers have to reduce the hours they work, while 6
13 percent have to leave employment entirely; and

14 WHEREAS, caregivers spend about 20 hours per week providing care; and

15 WHEREAS, the care industry is the fastest growing work force in the country; and

16 WHEREAS, the Department of Labor projects the addition of approximately 1.2 million
17 home health aides and personal care aides over the next decade; and

18 WHEREAS, these direct care jobs are largely minimum or low-wage jobs; and

19 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the effort, toil, and vital importance of
20 caregivers be appropriately recognized.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
22 the members of this body recognize the contributions of Georgia's family and professional
23 caregivers and commend them for their service on behalf of the elderly, sick, and disabled
24 among us.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
26 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
27 public and the press.