

Senate Resolution 908

By: Senators Unterman of the 45th and Wilkinson of the 50th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Georgia residents who have Type 1 Diabetes and whose families
2 continually educate and advocate and recognizing March 16, 2018, as Type 1 Diabetes Day
3 at the state 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, there are approximately 500 children diagnosed each year in the State of
17 Georgia; and

18 WHEREAS, the need exists for education to increase knowledge, encourage advocacy, and
19 promote safe care for those living with Type 1 Diabetes; and

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

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
23 recognize March 16, 2018, as Type 1 Diabetes Day at the state capitol.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
25 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Della H. Stoner,
26 organizer of Type 1 Diabetes Day at the state capitol.