

House Resolution 1408

By: Representatives Cooper of the 43rd, Silcox of the 52nd, Price of the 48th, Bennett of the 94th, and Paris of the 142nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 6, 2018, as Hemophilia of Georgia Day at the state capitol; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, each year, thousands of Americans, including Georgians, are impacted by
4 hemophilia and other bleeding disorders; and

5 WHEREAS, Hemophilia of Georgia, a nonprofit organization based in Sandy Springs, is
6 dedicated to providing services and support to Georgians who have hemophilia, von
7 Willebrand Disease, and other inherited bleeding disorders; and

8 WHEREAS, Hemophilia of Georgia's mission for more than 40 years has been to "exist so
9 that people affected by bleeding disorders live as normally and productively as possible"; and

10 WHEREAS, Hemophilia of Georgia is the only organization in Georgia offering services to
11 these individuals so as to enhance their care and quality of life; and

12 WHEREAS, Hemophilia of Georgia employs pharmacists, nurses, social workers, and others
13 to carry out the organization's work and mission; and

14 WHEREAS, Hemophilia of Georgia operates successful pharmacies which have received
15 accreditation from the Accreditation Commission for Health Care, Inc., demonstrating a
16 commitment to high-quality standards of care; and

17 WHEREAS, Hemophilia of Georgia provides these Georgians with various pharmaceutical
18 services for those with bleeding disorders, including blood clotting factor products, home
19 infusion training, education, and other resources; and

20 WHEREAS, Hemophilia of Georgia specifically provides children with these disorders the
21 ability to attend summer camp at Camp Wannaklot; publishes *Horizons in Hemophilia*, the

22 award-winning newsletter for clients and their families to stay up to date with advances in
23 treatment; produces *Protocols for the Treatment of Hemophilia and von Willebrand Disease*
24 for physicians and other health care providers; offers financial support for hemophilia
25 treatment centers throughout Georgia to ensure that the treatment centers are fully staffed and
26 equipped; and invests in critical research for these bleeding disorders and their associated
27 complications; and

28 WHEREAS, Hemophilia of Georgia serves on the state's Georgia Hemophilia Advisory
29 Board as an advisor on the standards of care and treatment for individuals with hemophilia
30 and other bleeding disorders; and

31 WHEREAS, Hemophilia of Georgia rigorously pursues funding to find a cure for these
32 disorders and ways to fund the care for those who cannot pay for the necessary medical
33 assistance and pharmaceuticals required to treat or prevent a bleeding episode; and

34 WHEREAS, Hemophilia of Georgia continues to provide funding to St. Jude Children's
35 Research Hospital and the Aflac Cancer and Blood Disorders Center at Emory University
36 for clinical trials to find a cure for hemophilia; and

37 WHEREAS, Hemophilia of Georgia serves as a trusted resource to many health care
38 providers and insurers by providing each with training on bleeding disorders, including
39 appropriate care and treatment, and the organization is recognized nationally and
40 internationally for its work; and

41 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding contributions of this
42 extraordinary organization be appropriately recognized.

43 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
44 the members of this body recognize March 6, 2018, as Hemophilia of Georgia Day at the
45 state capitol; commend Hemophilia of Georgia, its staff and volunteers, and the persons that
46 the organization serves and their past, present, and future work on behalf of those individuals
47 suffering from hemophilia and other bleeding disorders in this state, throughout the nation,
48 and around the world; and encourage all citizens to support Hemophilia of Georgia's efforts
49 to fund initiatives and programs to help those individuals with hemophilia and bleeding
50 disorders.

51 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
52 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
53 Hemophilia of Georgia.