

Senate Resolution 545

By: Senators Parent of the 42nd, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Jordan of the 6th, Burke of the 11th, Jones of the 25th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 16, 2020, as Birth Safety Awareness Day at the state capitol in
2 recognition of Kason Choice and Robin Rohe-Oji, two children in recovery from severe birth
3 injuries, and their families; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, infants can experience unintentional injury during their birth, even within a
5 skilled medical setting; and

6 WHEREAS, owing to the trauma and difficulty of childbirth, some birth injuries can be
7 disabling, including skull fractures, cerebral palsy, permanent arm paralysis, hip dislocation,
8 clavicle fractures, and other conditions; and

9 WHEREAS, the exact number of infants injured during birth remains unknown in Georgia;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, there is also a high risk for maternal mortality in Georgia due to lack of
12 infrastructure, inaccessible prenatal care, and an inadequate health care provider work force;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, there has not been a detailed exploration of the possible poor outcomes for
15 maternal and child health, such as birth injury, that may be caused by the aforementioned
16 factors; and

17 WHEREAS, because birth injuries are not studied in Georgia, there may be missed
18 opportunities to prevent childhood suffering and permanent disability.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
20 recognize March 16, 2020, as Birth Safety Awareness Day at the state capitol in recognition
21 of Kason Choice and Robin Rohe-Oji, two children in recovery from severe birth injuries,
22 and their families.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
24 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the families of
25 Kason Choice and Robin Rohe-Oji.