

House Resolution 1050

By: Representatives McLaurin of the 51st, Kausche of the 50th, Wilson of the 80th, Holland of the 54th, Silcox of the 52nd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 18, 2020, as Hemophilia of Georgia Day at the state capitol; and for
2 other 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 medication,
11 outreach nursing and social work services, clinical and research funding, and educational and
12 support activities to these individuals to enhance their care and quality of life; and

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

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

18 WHEREAS, Hemophilia of Georgia specifically provides children with these disorders the
19 ability to attend summer camp at Camp Wannaklot; publishes an award-winning newsletter
20 for clients and their families to keep up-to-date with advances on treatment; produces
21 *Protocols for the Treatment of Hemophilia and von Willebrand Disease* for physicians and
22 other health care providers; offers financial support for hemophilia treatment centers

23 throughout Georgia to ensure that the treatment centers are fully staffed and equipped; and
24 invests in critical research for these bleeding disorders and their associated complications;
25 and

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

29 WHEREAS, Hemophilia of Georgia partners with many entities, including St. Jude
30 Children's Research Hospital and the Hemophilia of Georgia Center for Bleeding & Clotting
31 Disorders of Emory, for research to find a cure for hemophilia; and

32 WHEREAS, Hemophilia of Georgia's reach is beyond the borders of Georgia as a supporter
33 of the World Federation of Hemophilia, working with that entity to provide technical support
34 to hemophilia organizations in developing countries; and

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

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

41 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
42 the members of this body recognize February 18, 2020, as Hemophilia of Georgia Day at the
43 state capitol; commend Hemophilia of Georgia, its staff and volunteers, and the persons that
44 the organization serves and their past, present, and future work on behalf of those individuals
45 suffering from hemophilia and other bleeding disorders in this state, throughout the nation,
46 and around the world; and encourage all citizens to support Hemophilia of Georgia's efforts
47 to fund initiatives and programs to help those individuals with hemophilia and bleeding
48 disorders.

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