

House Resolution 1620

By: Representatives Anulewicz of the 42nd, Gardner of the 57th, Buckner of the 137th, and Schofield of the 60th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing January 15, 2020, as Cervical Cancer Day and January 2020 as Cervical Health
2 Awareness Month; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, cervical cancer is a disease that affects nearly 13,000 American women each
4 year; and

5 WHEREAS, the rate of cervical cancer is higher in Georgia than the average rate of cervical
6 cancer in the United States; and

7 WHEREAS, cervical cancer most often affects women in their prime; and

8 WHEREAS, regular cervical cancer screening tests are effective in detecting the disease
9 early, when it can be effectively treated; and

10 WHEREAS, approximately 15 percent of women in Georgia have not had a cervical cancer
11 screening test in the last three years as recommended; and

12 WHEREAS, cancer prevention vaccines are available that, along with screening tests,
13 provide a formidable and effective means of preventing cervical cancer; and

14 WHEREAS, increasing awareness among patients and health care providers alike regarding
15 the best use of these prevention tools is a key component in safeguarding women's health;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, organizations including the Georgia Cancer Control Consortium and the Susan
18 Jolley Awareness Program have for several years spearheaded programs recognizing those
19 who have achieved tremendous success in their cervical cancer prevention efforts; and

20 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper to recognize Cancer Pathways, Chamblee
21 Children's Clinic, Latin American Medical Center, Northside Hospital Cancer Institute, and
22 Sumter Pediatrics Leesburg for their outstanding success in vaccinating individuals to
23 prevent cervical cancer.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
25 the members of this body recognize January 15, 2020, as Cervical Cancer Day and January
26 2020 as Cervical Health Awareness Month; support all women in taking advantage of the
27 tests and vaccines that have proven effective in preventing cervical cancer; and encourage
28 all parents to consider vaccinating their children against cervical cancer.

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