

Senate Resolution 456

By: Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Watson of the 1st, Harbin of the 16th, Butler of the 55th, Payne of the 54th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention and its
2 Georgia chapter; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the mission of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) is to
4 save lives and bring hope to those affected by suicide; and

5 WHEREAS, the Georgia chapter of the AFSP is holding a State Capitol Day on January 25,
6 2024, with the hope to share information and urge policy makers to keep suicide prevention
7 a priority; and

8 WHEREAS, suicide is the tenth leading cause of death in the United States and the second
9 leading cause of death among those aged 15 to 24; and

10 WHEREAS, over four times as many people die by suicide each year than in alcohol related
11 motor vehicle accidents; and

12 WHEREAS, suicide is a public health problem and one of the leading causes of death in the
13 United States; and

14 WHEREAS, mental health awareness can help with the prevention of suicide; and

15 WHEREAS, states can invest more in education and research that will help prevent the
16 untimely deaths of thousands of Americans each year; and

17 WHEREAS, the Georgia chapter of the AFSP focuses on eliminating the loss of life from
18 suicide in our state by delivering innovative prevention programs, educating the public about
19 risk factors and warning signs, raising funds for suicide research and programs, and reaching
20 out to those individuals who have lost someone to suicide; and

21 WHEREAS, the AFSP's growing nationwide network of chapters is working to bring
22 together people from all backgrounds to help work toward the common goal of suicide
23 prevention in our communities; and

24 WHEREAS, the Georgia chapter of AFSP is committed to providing as many prevention
25 programs as we can to our community, with events such as the Out of the Darkness Walks
26 in Atlanta and Savannah, the Talk Saves Lives programs, and more; and

27 WHEREAS, the AFSP is committed to saving lives and encourages communities, families,
28 and organizations to share the #988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, the Veterans Crisis Line, and
29 the Crisis Text Line with the people in their circle; and

30 WHEREAS, the AFSP also encourages Georgians to seek out and share the resources on
31 their website, www.afsp.org.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
33 recognize and commend the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention and its Georgia
34 chapter for their work to prevent suicide.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
36 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the
37 press.