

Senate Resolution 475

By: Senators Walker III of the 20th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Watson of the 1st, Jackson of the 41st, Hickman of the 4th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Easterseals and all its Georgia chapters; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Easterseals is one of the nation's largest nonprofit healthcare providers serving
4 more than 1.5 million annually across the country; and

5 WHEREAS, Easterseals began in 1919 through the founding of the National Society for
6 Crippled Children, which gave way to the birth of the "seals" in 1934 and its lily logo,
7 symbolizing spring; and

8 WHEREAS, Easterseals offers several services including early intervention (EPSDT),
9 inclusive childcare, medical rehabilitation and autism services for children and their families,
10 job training and coaching, employment placement and transportation for adults with
11 disabilities, adult day services and employment opportunities, mental health and recovery
12 programming, assistive technology, recreational activities, care giving support, and respite;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, since its beginnings, Easterseals has grown and now has five chapter locations
15 in Georgia serving multi-county areas around Albany, Atlanta, Augusta, Columbus, and
16 Dublin; and

17 WHEREAS, Easterseals has long advocated for individuals with disabilities and was a
18 leading advocate for the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act; locally, Easterseals
19 has worked on several pieces of legislation addressing mental health, child welfare, provider
20 reimbursement, and much more; and

21 WHEREAS, Easterseals and its Georgia chapters also collaborate to serve children who are
22 ineligible for the Katie Beckett Waiver, and Easterseals continues to serve as the fiscal agent
23 for an appropriation that created the Champions for Children program, helping those
24 medically fragile children who do not meet the waiver to access services and treatment; and

25 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that Easterseals Georgia locations as well as
26 their staff and volunteers be recognized for their accomplishments in serving Georgians with
27 disabilities.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
29 extend a warm greeting to Easterseals Georgia as well as its staff and volunteers and the
30 persons that the organization serves and convey their heartiest commendation for their past,
31 present, and future work for those individuals in this state.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
33 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Easterseals
34 Georgia.