

## House Resolution 1321

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## A RESOLUTION

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

3 WHEREAS, suicide is a preventable public-health emergency that affects families in every  
4 region of this State and demands sustained attention to prevention, early identification, crisis  
5 response, and recovery supports; and

6 WHEREAS, the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) works to save lives  
7 and bring hope to those affected by suicide through research, education, advocacy, and  
8 support for individuals and families; and

9 WHEREAS, the Georgia chapter of AFSP mobilizes survivors, clinicians, educators,  
10 veterans, caregivers, and community leaders to advance evidence-informed suicide  
11 prevention and to support those impacted by suicidal ideation, suicide attempts, and suicide  
12 loss; and

13 WHEREAS, the Georgia chapter of AFSP is holding an Advocacy Action Day on February  
14 12, 2026, to share information and engage policymakers on practical, evidence-informed  
15 actions that save lives; and

16 WHEREAS, the 2024 Georgia Student Health Survey indicates more than 73,000 of the  
17 State's 6th-12th grade students reported seriously considering attempting suicide in the past  
18 year; and

19 WHEREAS, an analysis of Centers for Disease Control and Prevention mortality data  
20 reported that, over the ten-year period from 2014 to 2024, Georgia experienced the largest  
21 increase among the 50 states in the suicide rate among young adults ages 18 to  
22 27-approximately a 65 percent increase-during a period when many states saw declines for  
23 this age group; and

24 WHEREAS, these indicators underscore an urgent, statewide prevention imperative:  
25 reducing suicide requires not only crisis response, but also earlier identification of risk,  
26 timely access to clinically appropriate care, and stronger protective factors in schools and  
27 communities-objectives advanced when public institutions, health systems, and community  
28 partners act with shared urgency and clear accountability; and

29 WHEREAS, AFSP's prevention work-through public education, community programs, and  
30 volunteer engagement-helps reduce stigma, improve recognition of warning signs, and  
31 connect individuals to help before a crisis becomes fatal; and

32 WHEREAS, every Georgian should know that immediate help is available through the 988  
33 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline, as well as specialized resources including the Veterans Crisis Line  
34 and the Crisis Text Line.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
36 the members of this body recognize and commend the American Foundation for Suicide

37 Prevention and its Georgia chapter for their tireless leadership in suicide prevention and for  
38 bringing hope, support, and practical tools to Georgians affected by suicide.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body encourage all  
40 Georgians-families, schools, faith communities, employers, health care partners, and civic  
41 organizations-to promote help-seeking, share crisis resources, and ensure that individuals in  
42 distress are met with urgency, dignity, and support.

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