

Senate Resolution 117

By: Senators Cowsert of the 46th, Henson of the 41st, Unterman of the 45th, Bethel of the 54th, Burke of the 11th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Kurt Gelfand and recognizing February 4, 2015, as Prostate Cancer Awareness
2 Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, 241,000 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in the United States this
4 year, with 31,000 of those men losing their lives to the disease; and

5 WHEREAS, men have a higher risk of getting prostate cancer than women getting breast
6 cancer, with one in six men at risk; and

7 WHEREAS, early screening through the PSA blood test and the digital rectal exam are the
8 screening tools doctors are using to determine which patients are at risk; and

9 WHEREAS, men diagnosed with prostate cancer at an early age, younger than 50, usually
10 have a more aggressive case; and

11 WHEREAS, screening men and catching prostate cancer early can usually save lives, but
12 because men often refuse to see their physicians, the cancer is sometimes detected too late;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Kurt Gelfand, a prostate cancer survivor, has started an awareness campaign
15 called "Save Our Dads" to educate and inform the public about this deadly disease; and

16 WHEREAS, prostate cancer survivors are many in number but few are willing to share their
17 experiences because it is considered a "below the belt" disease, with incontinence and
18 erectile dysfunction as common side effects of surgery or radiation; and

19 WHEREAS, it is the goal of "Save Our Dads" to bring these topics to the forefront and
20 support prostate cancer patients to let them know that they are not alone in the fight against
21 this disease.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
23 commend Kurt Gelfand on his courageous efforts in raising awareness in Georgia about
24 prostate cancer and recognize February 4, 2015, as Prostate Cancer Awareness Day at the
25 state capitol.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
27 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Kurt Gelfand.