House Resolution 447

By: Representatives Stoner of the 40th, Cooper of the 45th, Howard of the 129th, Mathis of the 149th, Au of the 50th, and others

A RESOLUTION

Commending the Georgia residents who have type 1 diabetes and whose families continually educate and advocate and recognizing March 14, 2023, as Type 1 Diabetes Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, type 1 diabetes is an autoimmune disease which causes a person's pancreas to stop producing insulin, a hormone that enables people to produce energy from food. It occurs when the body's immune system attacks and destroys the insulin-producing cells in the pancreas, called the beta cells. Its onset has nothing to do with diet or lifestyle. There is no prevention for type 1 diabetes and, at present, no cure; and

WHEREAS, type 1 diabetes strikes both children and adults. It comes on suddenly, causes dependence on artificial insulin for life, and carries the constant threat of devastating complications up to and including death; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 3 million children and adults living with type 1 diabetes; and

WHEREAS, more than 8,000 children and an unknown number of adults in Georgia live with type 1 diabetes; and

WHEREAS, each year in this state, there are approximately 500 children and an unknown number of adults who are diagnosed with type 1 diabetes; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for education to increase knowledge, encourage advocacy, and promote safe care for those living with this disease; and

WHEREAS, the ultimate goal is to find a cure for this disease and turn type 1 into "Type None" so that people can live healthy, fulfilling lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that the members of this body commend the Georgia residents who have type 1 diabetes and whose families continually educate and advocate and recognize March 14, 2023, as Type 1 Diabetes Day at the state capitol.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Della H. Stoner, organizer of Type 1 Diabetes Day at the state capitol.