

Senate Resolution 412

By: Senator Anavitarte of the 31st

### A RESOLUTION

1 Supporting the improvement of the care of atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease; and for  
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death in the United States; and

4 WHEREAS, in the United States, approximately 21 million patients have been diagnosed  
5 with atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease (ASCVD) and are at risk of a cardiovascular  
6 event according to the United States Census Bureau; and

7 WHEREAS, the Mayo Clinic states that ASCVD is linked to the build-up of cholesterol in  
8 the arteries and the risk of associated events can be modified by lowering low-density  
9 lipoprotein cholesterol (LDL-C); and

10 WHEREAS, in 2016, nearly 70 million United States adults had higher than recommended  
11 LDL-C levels; and

12 WHEREAS, 43.1 million people in the United States are currently treated with lipid-  
13 lowering therapies to manage cardiovascular risk; and

14 WHEREAS, only 20 percent of people with ASCVD who are taking statins, one of the  
15 leading lipid-lowering therapies, actually achieve healthy levels of LDL-C; and

16 WHEREAS, the total direct and indirect cost of ASCVD in the United States was \$555  
17 billion in 2016 and is projected to climb to \$1.1 trillion by 2035 according to the American  
18 Heart Association; and

19 WHEREAS, in Georgia, 712,500 adults have been told by a health professional that they had  
20 angina, a stroke, a heart attack, or coronary heart disease, which are some of the  
21 manifestations of ASCVD; and

22 WHEREAS, in Georgia, 9,009 people had ASCVD as an underlying cause of death; and

23 WHEREAS, in Georgia, 342,400 adults reported experiencing a heart attack in their lifetime  
24 and 300,900 adults reported experiencing a stroke in their lifetime; and

25 WHEREAS, Georgia spends an estimated \$4.19 billion on direct medical expenses for  
26 ASCVD care each year.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
28 support the creation of policies to decrease the rising number of deaths of Americans as a  
29 result of atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
31 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Governor Brian  
32 Kemp, President Pro Tempore John F. Kennedy, and Speaker Jon Burns.