

Senate Resolution 64

By: Senators McLaurin of the 14th, Brass of the 6th, Williams of the 25th, Kemp of the 38th, Payne of the 54th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 7 to 14, 2025, as Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week at the
2 state capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, congenital heart defects are one of the most frequently occurring birth defects
4 and a leading cause of deaths related to birth defects worldwide; and

5 WHEREAS, more than one million families across America face the challenges and
6 hardships of raising children with congenital heart defects, and each year, approximately
7 40,000 babies are born in the United States with these conditions; and

8 WHEREAS, some congenital heart defects are not diagnosed until months or years after
9 birth; when these conditions go undiagnosed, they can cause many cases of sudden cardiac
10 death in young athletes; and

11 WHEREAS, despite these alarming statistics, newborns and young athletes are still not
12 regularly screened for congenital heart defects; and

13 WHEREAS, Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week provides an opportunity for families
14 whose lives have been affected by congenital heart defects to celebrate life, remember the

15 loved ones they have lost, honor dedicated health professionals, and share information with
16 the public and the media.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
18 recognize February 7 to 14, 2025, as Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week at the state
19 capitol.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
21 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Children's
22 Healthcare of Atlanta and its Kids at Heart program.