

Senate Resolution 110

By: Senators Halpern of the 39th, Parent of the 44th, Jones II of the 22nd, Mangham of the 55th, Esteves of the 35th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the rise of cardiovascular disease as the world's leading cause of death and
2 disability and supporting the recognition of February 2025 as American Heart Month; and
3 for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, more than 350,000 people experience cardiac arrest outside of a hospital each
5 year, with approximately 70 percent occurring at home and only about one in ten surviving;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, more than 23,000 children under the age of 18 experience cardiac arrest outside
8 of a hospital each year in the United States, with nearly 40 percent of these cases being
9 sports-related; and

10 WHEREAS, CPR, especially when performed immediately, can double or triple a person's
11 chance of survival, yet only about 46 percent of people who experience cardiac arrest receive
12 CPR from bystanders while waiting for emergency responders to arrive; and

13 WHEREAS, effective solutions to improve survival rates include increased awareness and
14 education, implementation of cardiac emergency response plans, widespread CPR education,
15 and training in the use of automated external defibrillators (AEDs); and

16 WHEREAS, knowing how to properly perform CPR has encouraged more people to act
17 when faced with a cardiac emergency, and to save more lives from cardiac arrest outside of
18 a hospital, we must increase the number of people who respond to cardiac arrest by calling
19 911, delivering high-quality CPR, and using an AED as soon as it is available; and

20 WHEREAS, the American Heart Association has set a goal of doubling survival rates from
21 cardiac arrest by 2030 by empowering bystanders to become lifesavers and ensuring that
22 everyone, everywhere is prepared to become a vital link in the chain of survival and provide
23 CPR in response to a cardiac emergency.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
25 recognize the rise of cardiovascular disease as the world's leading cause of death and
26 disability, support the recognition of February 2025 as American Heart Month, and
27 encourage the citizens of Georgia to join the Nation of Lifesavers™ by learning CPR.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
29 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the
30 press.