

House Resolution 601

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A RESOLUTION

- 1 Expressing support for increased awareness of stomach cancer; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, stomach cancer, known as gastric cancer, is the fifth most common cancer
3 globally and the fourth leading cause of cancer death worldwide; and
- 4 WHEREAS, stomach cancer, accounts for about 1.5 percent of all new cancers diagnosed
5 in the United States each year; and
- 6 WHEREAS, 26,890 new cases of stomach cancer were reported in 2024; and
- 7 WHEREAS, there are disparities in stomach cancer incidence and mortality among racial and
8 ethnic groups in the United States; and
- 9 WHEREAS, while there has been a decline in stomach cancer incidence, the lack of
10 awareness and focus on risk factors and early detection through screening and surveillance
11 may cause individuals at high risk for the disease to dismiss their symptoms; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Georgia ranks 11th in mortality from stomach cancer; and

13 WHEREAS, increased advocacy, awareness, research and education may bring improved
14 outcomes for patients in earlier detection and treatment.

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
16 the members of this body express support for increased awareness of stomach cancer and
17 recognize that such awareness may lead to earlier detection for patients.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
19 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
20 public and the press.