

Senate Resolution 399

By: Senators Parent of the 44th, James of the 28th, Jones II of the 22nd, Harrell of the 40th, Jackson of the 41st and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Side by Side Brain Injury Clubhouse Inc. for 25 years of work in transforming
2 the lives of Georgians recovering from brain injuries and brain injury-related disabilities and
3 recognizing March 11, 2025, as Side by Side Clubhouse Day at the state capitol; and for
4 other purposes.

5 WHEREAS, Side by Side Brain Injury Clubhouse Inc. began its service in March 2000
6 following its founding by Cindi Johnson with the support of the Shepherd Center and Emory
7 Healthcare, where she was a program director, to provide ongoing support and growth
8 opportunities to Georgians who have experienced a brain injury; and

9 WHEREAS, Side by Side addresses the powerful need for people with brain injuries to have
10 a community that provides a place to physically gather, work, support one another, and
11 belong; and

12 WHEREAS, Side by Side follows the Clubhouse model of rehabilitation, where participants
13 are considered "members" of a community, following standards set by the International Brain
14 Injury Clubhouse Alliance and adapted from Clubhouse International; and

15 WHEREAS, Side by Side is a community-based, voluntary, member-directed program that
16 builds on strengths to optimize the social, financial, and vocational success of members and
17 guarantees their right to meaningful work and a place to return; and

18 WHEREAS, Side by Side is recognized as Georgia's only brain injury clubhouse and the
19 only purpose-driven work program for men and women recovering from brain injuries; and

20 WHEREAS, since 2000, Side by Side has served more than 800 Georgians through its
21 clubhouse, now located in Stone Mountain Village in DeKalb County; and

22 WHEREAS, Side by Side's consistent impact for 25 years makes it an asset to DeKalb
23 County and the State of Georgia, making it fitting and proper for the organization to be
24 honored.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
26 commend Side by Side Brain Injury Clubhouse Inc. for its work in supporting Georgians
27 who have experienced a brain injury as they recover and rebuild their lives and recognize
28 March 11, 2025, as Side by Side Clubhouse Day at the state capitol.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
30 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Side by Side Brain
31 Injury Clubhouse Inc.