

Senate Resolution 642

By: Senators Parent of the 44th, Jones II of the 22nd, Hatchett of the 50th, Walker III of the 20th, Hufstetler of the 52nd and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 7-14, 2026, as Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week at the state
2 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, over one million families across America face the challenges and hardships of
6 raising children with congenital heart defects. Each year, approximately 40,000 babies are
7 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 7-14, 2026, 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 appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Children's
22 Healthcare of Atlanta and its Kids at Heart program.