

Senate Resolution 768

By: Senators Brass of the 6th, Payne of the 54th, Setzler of the 37th, Rhett of the 33rd, Wicks of the 34th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending the Red Star Foundation; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the Red Star Foundation is an organization focused on fighting against military,
3 veteran, and first responder suicides; and
- 4 WHEREAS, first responders such as police, firefighters, and EMTs face suicide rates
5 significantly higher than the national average due to relentless exposure to trauma, high
6 stress, and the stigma surrounding mental health care; and
- 7 WHEREAS, in 2025, an America's Warrior Partnership study revealed that 44 veterans die
8 by suicide every day; and
- 9 WHEREAS, more than 500 current military personnel and 500 first responders die by suicide
10 annually; and
- 11 WHEREAS, the toll of suicide extends far beyond those lost – it devastates families,
12 fractures communities, and leaves countless loved ones struggling with grief; and

13 WHEREAS, the Red Star Foundation is committed to helping service members, first
14 responders, veterans, and their families fight against the suicide crisis, focusing every effort,
15 connection, and resource on fighting against military, veteran, and first responder suicides;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, the foundation mobilizes its allies, leveraging the knowledge, skills, and
18 influence of every individual and organization willing to stand up against suicide; engages
19 public voices, involving every celebrity, public figure, and community leader, to amplify the
20 message and reduce the stigma surrounding mental health; empowers the frontlines,
21 providing tools, training, and peer-to-peer support for those directly impacted; and supports
22 survivors, standing with families who have suffered loss, honoring their loved ones, and
23 transforming grief into purpose; and

24 WHEREAS, the Red Star Foundation's innovative and compassionate programs such as the
25 Red Star Family: Peer-to-Peer Network, Red Star Service Banner and Pin, Red Star Pledge
26 Program, Red Star Voices, and Red Star City Program work to build awareness, connect
27 affected families to support networks, empower the voices of Red Star families, and ensure
28 that no military personnel, veteran, or first responder feels that suicide is the only option; and

29 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this extraordinary organization be
30 recognized for its many good deeds rendered on behalf of the citizens of Georgia and the
31 United States.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
33 recognize and commend the Red Star Foundation for its unwavering commitment to
34 advocating for mental health and suicide prevention among veterans, military personnel, and
35 first responders.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
37 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the Red Star
38 Foundation.