

House Resolution 1369

By: Representatives Herring of the 145th, Frye of the 122nd, Rhodes of the 124th, Jones of the 25th, and Gisler of the 121st

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 17, 2026, as The Fight Against Suicide Day; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, suicide is the second leading cause of death among ages college-aged young
3 adults, and growing numbers of students report persistent feelings of sadness, hopelessness,
4 anxiety, and emotional distress; and

5 WHEREAS, The Fight Against Suicide (TFAS) is an organization committed to creating a
6 sustainable training structure for the gold standard in prevention– Question, Persuade, Refer
7 (QPR) Training– as well as continued access to care for students through dependable
8 community; and

9 WHEREAS, The Fight Against Suicide was founded in 2021 and held its inaugural "Fight
10 Week" at the University of Georgia, which has grown into their flagship campus initiative
11 that includes a structured, multi-day activation that combines suicide prevention training,
12 peer connection, and fundraising for direct mental-health support and culminates in a in a
13 ticketed, fully sanctioned amateur boxing event that draws students into the conversation and
14 funds local suicide-prevention efforts; and

15 WHEREAS, The Fight Against Suicide operates in conjunction with the Sam Asbury
16 Foundation, a charitable nonprofit organization established in memory of UGA student Sam
17 Asbury, which directs funds raised through The Fight Against Suicide to vetted suicide
18 prevention and mental health initiatives, and aligns with The Fight Against Suicide's shared
19 mission of advancing awareness, prevention, and hope for college students; and

20 WHEREAS, in 2025 alone, The Fight Against Suicide reached 8,000 students at five college
21 campuses across the country and raised \$875,000 to benefit six different mental health and
22 suicide prevention partners; and

23 WHEREAS, The Fight Against Suicide has expanded its suicide-prevention training across
24 campuses through QPR training and through its Speaker Series provided students with
25 practical, real world mental-health education while strengthening direct connections to
26 trusted counseling resources; and

27 WHEREAS, in 2026, The Fight Against Suicide plans to increase access to QPR Training
28 and certification, Sunshine Funds at their campuses, provide in-house counseling resources
29 to students, grow strategic partnerships and donor support, and launch Campus Chapters to
30 embed suicide prevention directly into university life year-round; and

31 WHEREAS, The Fight Against Suicide is leading the charge in providing college students
32 durable, on-campus suicide prevention lasting far beyond the one week a year that the
33 organization is actually on each campus.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
35 the members of this body recognize February 17, 2026, as The Fight Against Suicide Day
36 in the State of Georgia.

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