

House Resolution 1020

By: Representatives Williamson of the 115th, Harrell of the 106th, Silcox of the 52nd, Cooper of the 43rd, and Greene of the 151st

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 7–14, 2020, 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 birth
9 and when these conditions go undiagnosed, they can cause sudden cardiac death in young
10 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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
18 the members of this body recognize February 7–14, 2020, as Congenital Heart Defect
19 Awareness Week at the state capitol.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
21 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to
22 Children's Healthcare of Atlanta and its Kids at Heart program.