

## House Resolution 1530

By: Representatives Wilson of the 80<sup>th</sup>, Park of the 101<sup>st</sup>, Cannon of the 58<sup>th</sup>, Shannon of the 84<sup>th</sup>, and Drenner of the 85<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Georgia Equality for 25 years of service to Georgia's LGBTQ  
2 communities; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Georgia Equality has worked since 1995 to advance fairness, safety, and  
4 opportunity for Georgia's lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer communities; and

5 WHEREAS, Georgia Equality is Georgia's largest nonprofit advocacy organization serving  
6 LGBTQ communities across Georgia; and

7 WHEREAS, since its founding in 1995, Georgia Equality has grown to over 85,000  
8 supporters across the state; and

9 WHEREAS, in addition to its work in Atlanta, Georgia Equality provides training and  
10 programming in and around Athens, Augusta, Blue Ridge, Columbus, Macon, Savannah,  
11 Valdosta, and many other Georgia cities each year; and

12 WHEREAS, the organization advocates at the state and local levels for the needs of the  
13 estimated 60,000 Georgians living with HIV/AIDS to ensure access to housing and health  
14 care; and

15 WHEREAS, the organization operates the Youth HIV Policy Advisors Program, an annual  
16 program for young people living with HIV to learn about and participate in the HIV policy  
17 advocacy processes; and

18 WHEREAS, the organization annually recruits a cohort of transgender and gender  
19 nonconforming Georgians for the TransActionGA Leadership Academy, which provides  
20 educational classes that promote and grow the future leadership of the fight for trans equality  
21 in Georgia; and

22 WHEREAS, the organization annually registers thousands of Georgians to vote and  
23 encourages all LGBTQ Georgians to participate in every election; and

24 WHEREAS, the organization provides an internship program for students interested in  
25 LGBTQ advocacy and nonprofit organizing; and

26 WHEREAS, for more than 25 years, Georgia Equality has led the way in advocating for the  
27 rights of LGBTQ Georgians and has served an integral role in ensuring Georgia is a  
28 welcoming and accepting state for all her citizens and visitors.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
30 the members of this body recognize the 25th anniversary of Georgia Equality; commend  
31 Georgia Equality for its dedicated advocacy on behalf of Georgia's LGBTQ communities;  
32 and extend its most sincere best wishes for continued success.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
34 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to  
35 Georgia Equality.