

House Resolution 501

By: Representative Henderson of the 113<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending the East Georgia Cancer Coalition; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, created in 2003, the East Georgia Cancer Coalition (EGCC) serves a 53-county  
3 region in east Georgia and is housed in the University of Georgia's Complex Carbohydrate  
4 Research Center in Athens, Georgia; and
- 5 WHEREAS, the EGCC works to raise awareness, prevent and detect cancer, support patients  
6 and families, enhance survivors' lives, and prepare future leaders for the workforce within  
7 its region; and
- 8 WHEREAS, the EGCC accomplishes its mission by ensuring residents of its region receive  
9 cancer prevention education, screenings, health care system navigation, family and survivor  
10 support, and information about the latest cancer research discoveries; and
- 11 WHEREAS, the EGCC is currently led by CEO Smitha Ahamed, whose impressive tenure  
12 has led to the expansion of the organization's services to include survivorship and palliative  
13 care programs, caretaker support, workforce development, food security, school curricula,  
14 massage therapy, skin care, and more; and

15 WHEREAS, the EGCC further helps prepare future leaders for the workforce by offering  
16 volunteer opportunities, internships, and graduate assistant-ships; and

17 WHEREAS, after fighting cancer locally over the past 20 years, the EGCC has served  
18 millions of residents and continues to provide prevention programs, outreach, and education  
19 to millions more every year, including more than 2,000 free cancer screenings; and

20 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this outstanding organization be  
21 appropriately honored.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
23 the members of this body commend the East Georgia Cancer Coalition for its many  
24 remarkable contributions on behalf of those in-need and extend best wishes for continued  
25 success.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
27 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
28 East Georgia Cancer Coalition.