

## House Resolution 646

By: Representatives Anulewicz of the 42<sup>nd</sup>, Frye of the 118<sup>th</sup>, Clark of the 147<sup>th</sup>, Houston of the 170<sup>th</sup>, and Douglas of the 78<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Georgia Cancer Control Consortium, HPV Cancer Free  
2 GA, Cancer Pathways, the Northwest Georgia Regional Cancer Coalition, and the Susan  
3 Jolley Awareness Program for their exceptional contributions to cervical cancer education  
4 and awareness in Georgia; and for other purposes.

5 WHEREAS, January is designated by the United States Congress as Cervical Cancer  
6 Awareness Month; and

7 WHEREAS, the Georgia Cancer Control Consortium, HPV Cancer Free GA, Cancer  
8 Pathways, the Northwest Georgia Regional Cancer Coalition, and the Susan Jolley  
9 Awareness Program are dedicated to HPV and cervical cancer awareness efforts in Georgia;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, in acknowledgment of their important work, WellStar Family Medicine -  
12 Athens Geriatrics and Internal Medicine, WellStar Towne Lake Pediatrics, WellStar  
13 Pediatrics Avalon Health Park, Premier Family Wellness Center, Georgia Highlands Medical  
14 Services - Cumming, Pavilion Family Medicine Center, Southwell Primary Care, Sumter  
15 Pediatrics, and Jana Mastrogiovanni are recognized as the 2021 HPV Champions; and

16 WHEREAS, cervical cancer is the fourth most common cancer in women worldwide; each  
17 year, more than 13,000 American women are diagnosed with invasive cervical cancer, and  
18 more than 4,200 women die from this disease annually; and

19 WHEREAS, one in five Georgian women lack access to regular screenings that can identify  
20 cervical cancer in its early stages, and fewer than one in four Georgia adolescents have  
21 received the recommended doses of the HPV cancer prevention vaccine; and

22 WHEREAS, more Black and Hispanic women get HPV-associated cervical cancer than  
23 women of other races or ethnicities; and

24 WHEREAS, cervical cancer is one of the most preventable and treatable cancers due to the  
25 availability of screening tests and the HPV vaccine; 91 percent of all cervical cancers can be  
26 prevented by the HPV vaccine; and

27 WHEREAS, the efforts of the Georgia Cancer Control Consortium, HPV Cancer Free GA,  
28 Cancer Pathways, the Northwest Georgia Regional Cancer Coalition, and the Susan Jolley  
29 Awareness Program have increased public awareness of cervical cancer and educated the  
30 public on HPV prevention and the HPV vaccine.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
32 the members of this body recognize and commend the Georgia Cancer Control Consortium,  
33 HPV Cancer Free GA, Cancer Pathways, the Northwest Georgia Regional Cancer Coalition,  
34 and the Susan Jolley Awareness Program for their exceptional efforts and commitment to  
35 advancing cervical cancer awareness.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
37 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to  
38 members of the Georgia Cancer Control Consortium, HPV Cancer Free GA, Cancer  
39 Pathways, the Northwest Georgia Regional Cancer Coalition, and the Susan Jolley  
40 Awareness Program.