

House Resolution 739

By: Representatives Brockway of the 102nd, Taylor of the 173rd, Kendrick of the 93rd, Petrea of the 166th, Buckner of the 137th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing May, 2017, as Georgia Brain Tumor Awareness Month at the state capitol; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, brain tumors, both primary (originating in brain tissue) and secondary
4 (originating in other parts of the body that metastasize to the brain), are diagnosed in more
5 than 220,000 Americans of any age, race, socioeconomic status, and gender each year and
6 the rate continues to rise annually; and

7 WHEREAS, malignant brain tumors are among the deadliest forms of cancer with just a 34
8 percent five-year relative survival rate and are the leading cause of cancer related deaths in
9 children and adolescents, from birth to 19 years of age; and

10 WHEREAS, over 3,600 people in Georgia will be diagnosed with a brain tumor and 388 will
11 die due to a brain tumor in 2017; and

12 WHEREAS, Georgia is home to major facilities, such as Emory Winship Cancer Institute
13 and others, that focus on research to find better treatments, a cure for brain tumors, and
14 higher quality of life for brain tumor patients; and

15 WHEREAS, increased public awareness of brain tumors through advocacy and support for
16 targeted research, as well as education about the impact brain tumors have on the lives of
17 patients and their families, are critical to support and action for a cure.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
19 the members of this body recognize May, 2017, as Georgia Brain Tumor Awareness Month
20 at the state capitol.

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