

House Resolution 935

By: Representatives Cooper of the 45th, Mathiak of the 74th, Gunter of the 8th, Hawkins of the 27th, and Silcox of the 53rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing May 5 to 11, 2024, as Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, many people with serious mental health conditions, such as bipolar disorder,
4 major depression, schizophrenia, and schizoaffective disorder, or gastrointestinal disorders,
5 including gastroparesis, nausea, and vomiting, may be treated with medications that work as
6 dopamine receptor blocking agents (DRBAs), including anti-psychotics and anti-emetics; and

7 WHEREAS, while ongoing treatment with these medications can be necessary, prolonged
8 use can also lead to tardive dyskinesia (TD), an involuntary movement disorder that is
9 characterized by uncontrollable, abnormal, and repetitive movements of the face, torso,
10 and/or other body parts; and

11 WHEREAS, even mild symptoms of TD can impact people physically, socially, and
12 emotionally; and

13 WHEREAS, it is estimated that TD affects approximately 600,000 people in the United
14 States, and approximately 65 percent of people with TD have not been diagnosed, making
15 it important to raise awareness about the symptoms and impact of TD; and

16 WHEREAS, it is important that people taking DRBA medication to be monitored for TD by
17 a health care provider; regular screening for TD in these patients is recommended by the
18 American Psychiatric Association (APA); and

19 WHEREAS, clinical research has led to approval of treatments for adults with TD by the
20 United States Food and Drug Administration, and recognition and treatment of TD can make
21 a positive impact in the lives of many people experiencing psychotic and mood disorders;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, the Georgia House of Representatives can raise awareness of TD among the
24 public and medical community.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
26 the members of this body recognize May 5 to 11, 2024, as Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness
27 Week and encourage anyone experiencing uncontrollable, abnormal, and repetitive
28 movements to consult their health care provider.

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