

House Resolution 990

By: Representatives Schofield of the 60th, Dickerson of the 113th, Gonzalez of the 117th, Bazemore of the 63rd, and Carter of the 92nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February as American Heart Month in Georgia; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia celebrates the extraordinary progress in heart health, while
3 recognizing that more needs to be done in Georgia to safeguard heart health for generations
4 to come; and

5 WHEREAS, approximately 92 million Americans are affected by major cardiovascular
6 disease; and

7 WHEREAS, heart disease is the number one killer of Americans and Georgians; and

8 WHEREAS, Georgia ranked 10th among the 50 states for having the highest number of
9 deaths from heart disease deaths in 2016; and

10 WHEREAS, more than 635,000 American lives and more than 18,000 Georgian lives were
11 lost to heart disease in 2016; and

12 WHEREAS, there were approximately 790,000 heart attacks in the United States and more
13 than 28,000 in Georgia in 2016; and

14 WHEREAS, each year, there are more than 350,000 out-of-hospital sudden cardiac arrests
15 in the United States and approximately 10,000 in Georgia; and

16 WHEREAS, the survival rate for out-of-hospital sudden cardiac arrest averages 10 percent
17 annually; and

18 WHEREAS, 80 percent of all sudden cardiac arrest victims are shown to have underlying
19 heart disease; and

20 WHEREAS, survival from sudden cardiac arrest most often depends upon immediate
21 bystander-initiated cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and an early shock from an
22 automatic external defibrillator (AED); and

23 WHEREAS, fewer than 40 percent of sudden cardiac arrest victims outside of a hospital
24 receive bystander-initiated CPR, and fewer than 2 percent of victims receive a shock from
25 bystander-initiated AED; and

26 WHEREAS, keeping Georgians healthy and promoting awareness of health issues, including
27 heart disease, is an important responsibility and depends on the actions of many
28 organizations and groups in our community; and

29 WHEREAS, Georgians need to take action to make heart health a priority for themselves and
30 their families, become aware of their risk for heart disease, and take action to provide better
31 outcomes in their heart health.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
33 the members of this body do hereby recognize February as American Heart Month in
34 Georgia and encourage all citizens to work together to increase awareness and understanding
35 of heart disease and promote and improve the heart health of all Georgians.

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 the
38 public and the press.