

Senate Resolution 330

By: Senators Halpern of the 39th, Butler of the 55th, Orrock of the 36th, Harrell of the 40th and Jackson of the 41st

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 2021 as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Georgia has organizations such as the Atlanta Medical Association Inc. and the
3 Georgia Gastroenterologic and Endoscopic Society that dedicate time and resources to
4 promoting colorectal cancer awareness; and

5 WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society estimates that about one in 21 men and one in 23
6 women in the United States will develop colorectal cancer during their lifetime, making
7 colorectal cancer the third most common cancer (excluding skin cancers) in both men and
8 women in the United States; and

9 WHEREAS, according to the World Health Organization (WHO), colorectal cancer is the
10 second most common tumor among both men and women after lung tumors; and

11 WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in women and the
12 third for men; however, due to advances in screening techniques and improvements in
13 treatments, the death rate from colorectal cancer has been decreasing; and

14 WHEREAS, there is no way to completely prevent cancer, but there are steps one can take
15 to help lower their risk of developing colorectal cancer, including making healthy lifestyle
16 choices such as exercising regularly, decreasing alcohol consumption, and avoiding smoking;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, it is important to have honest, open discussions with one's health care providers
19 so one can make informed treatment and life decisions; and

20 WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society recommends that individuals at average risk of
21 colorectal cancer begin regular screening at age 50.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
23 recognize March 2021 as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month and encourage eligible
24 citizens to consult their health care providers and begin screening regularly.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
26 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the
27 press.