

Senate Resolution 35

By: Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Watson of the 1st, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Davenport of the 44th and Merritt of the 9th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Hemophilia of Georgia; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Hemophilia of Georgia is a nationally and internationally recognized nonprofit
3 based in Sandy Springs, Georgia, that provides services and support to Georgians who have
4 hemophilia, von Willebrand Disease, and other inherited bleeding disorders; and

5 WHEREAS, Hemophilia of Georgia serves as a member of the World Federation of
6 Hemophilia and is dedicated to enhancing the health and wellness of the bleeding disorder
7 community by providing comprehensive health care, education, advocacy, and the support
8 of research; and

9 WHEREAS, Hemophilia of Georgia is one of only two entities to receive six-star status by
10 the National Hemophilia Foundation on top of being recognized as a Chapter of Excellence;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Hemophilia of Georgia initiated its work in 1973 so those affected by bleeding
13 disorders can live as normally and productively as possible; and

14 WHEREAS, Hemophilia of Georgia employs a number of professionals, including
15 pharmacists, nurses, and social workers, to provide critical services to its clients; and

16 WHEREAS, Hemophilia of Georgia is the only organization of its type in the state offering
17 specialized pharmacy services, outreach nursing services, social support services, clinic and
18 research funding, information, educational services, and activities and programs to enhance
19 care and quality of life for people with bleeding disorders and their families; and

20 WHEREAS, Hemophilia of Georgia operates specialty pharmacies that have received dual
21 accreditation from the Accreditation Commission for Health Care, Incorporated (ACHC) and
22 the Utilization Review Accreditation Commission, Incorporated (URAC), demonstrating a
23 commitment to high-quality standards of care; and

24 WHEREAS, Hemophilia of Georgia provides children with inherited bleeding disorders the
25 ability to live more normal lives, including opportunities to attend summer camp at Camp
26 Wannaklot; and

27 WHEREAS, Hemophilia of Georgia also publishes an award-winning newsletter for clients
28 and their families to keep up-to-date with advances on treatment; produces protocols for the
29 treatment of hemophilia and von Willebrand disease for physicians and other health care
30 providers; offers financial support for hemophilia treatment centers throughout Georgia to
31 ensure that they are fully staffed and equipped; and invests in critical research for inherited
32 bleeding disorders and their associated complications; and

33 WHEREAS, Hemophilia of Georgia's representatives work with the state's Hemophilia
34 Advisory Board, serving as an advisor on the standards of care and treatment for individuals;
35 and

36 WHEREAS, Hemophilia of Georgia has provided more than \$17 million in research funding
37 projects in the last decade focused on developing the scientists and infrastructure needed to
38 find a cure; and

39 WHEREAS, Hemophilia of Georgia partners with and provides funding for many entities,
40 including St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and the Aflac Cancer and Blood Disorders
41 Center at Emory University, in order to find a cure for hemophilia; and

42 WHEREAS, Hemophilia of Georgia serves as a trusted resource to many health care
43 providers and insurers, providing each with training on bleeding disorders, including
44 appropriate care and treatment, and the organization is recognized nationally and
45 internationally for its work; and

46 WHEREAS, Hemophilia of Georgia celebrates its 50th anniversary in 2023 and thus the
47 honor and distinction of serving the bleeding disorder community for 50 years.

48 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
49 extend a warm greeting to Hemophilia of Georgia, its staff and volunteers, and the
50 individuals that the organization serves and convey to them this legislative body's heartiest
51 commendation for their work on behalf of those individuals with hemophilia and other
52 inherited bleeding disorders in this state, throughout our nation, and around the world.

53 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
54 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Hemophilia of
55 Georgia.