

Senate Resolution 689

By: Senators Miller of the 49th, Unterman of the 45th, Burke of the 11th, Wilkinson of the 50th and Watson of the 1st

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 14, 2018, as Georgia Stop The Bleed Day at the state capitol; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, each year, more than 180,000 people die from traumatic injuries sustained as
4 a result of events, including motor vehicle crashes, falls, industrial and farm accidents,
5 natural disasters, and tragic mass casualty events; and

6 WHEREAS, the most common preventable cause of death in these situations is the loss of
7 too much blood in the minutes before trained immediate responders arrive; and

8 WHEREAS, no matter how rapid the arrival of professional emergency responders,
9 bystanders will always be first on the scene; and

10 WHEREAS, the ability to recognize life-threatening bleeding and the ability to intervene
11 effectively can save lives; and

12 WHEREAS, the American College of Surgeons, working in partnership with many other
13 organizations, has made training needed to "Stop the Bleed" easily available to the public;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, the goal of Stop the Bleed is to educate, engage, and empower bystanders to
16 help in a bleeding emergency before professional help arrives; and

17 WHEREAS, professionals from Georgia's trauma community have traveled to the capitol
18 today to provide Stop the Bleed training to legislators, staff, and the public; and

19 WHEREAS, the Georgia Society of the American College of Surgeons has provided trauma
20 kits at strategic locations on capitol hill, including the Senate Chamber; and

21 WHEREAS, the Georgia Trauma Foundation has established www.stopthebleedgeorgia.org
22 as a central location to assist Georgians in obtaining Stop the Bleed training; and

23 WHEREAS, through a generous appropriation from the Georgia General Assembly, the
24 Georgia Trauma Commission is equipping public schools with trauma kits; and

25 WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to proclaim a day on which the public is educated about
26 the vital necessity of stemming blood flow of traumatic injuries.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
28 recognize February 14, 2018, as Stop The Bleed Day at the state capitol.

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