

Senate Resolution 746

By: Senators Unterman of the 45th, Wilkinson of the 50th, Hill of the 32nd, Dugan of the 30th, Miller of the 49th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Expressing support for the State Plan for Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is an ever-growing health concern among Georgia families;
4 and;

5 WHEREAS, more than 120,000 Georgians live with Alzheimer's disease, and the figure will
6 leap to 160,000 by 2025; and

7 WHEREAS, although Alzheimer's disease accounts for 60 to 80 percent of dementia
8 diagnoses, it is only one of many types of dementia, making the impact on Georgians
9 staggering; and

10 WHEREAS, Senate Bill 14 enacted during the 2013 General Session created the Georgia
11 Alzheimer's and Related Dementias State Plan Task Force and directed the task force to
12 develop a state plan to mobilize a response to Alzheimer's disease and related dementias as
13 a public health crisis; and

14 WHEREAS, as a result of this successful legislation, this multidisciplinary group of state
15 leaders assessed Georgia's capacity to meet dementia related needs and recommended
16 innovative new ways to address the issue; and

17 WHEREAS, in addition, a diverse array of advisors representing the fields of research,
18 medicine, law enforcement, work force development, and more helped the task force analyze
19 challenges and develop recommendations; and

20 WHEREAS, the resulting plan will serve as Georgia's blueprint for improving dementia
21 prevention and treatment, community services, family support, and public awareness; and

22 WHEREAS, as a living document, the plan will undergo regular review and reassessment
23 to meet the evolving needs of Georgians living with dementia; and

24 WHEREAS, this plan was developed to ensure that people with dementia, their families, and
25 caregivers have ready access to reliable information, support, and services and that they are
26 delivered as effectively and efficiently as possible.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
28 GEORGIA that the State of Georgia recognizes the increasing and devastating impact of
29 Alzheimer's disease and related dementias on those afflicted and upon their families and
30 caregivers.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Assembly expresses support for the State
32 Plan for Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias as developed by the Georgia
33 Alzheimer's and Related Dementias State Plan Task Force.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all Georgia communities, the private sector, and state
35 and local government agencies are encouraged to implement the State Plan for Alzheimer's
36 Disease and Related Dementias.