

Senate Resolution 995

By: Senators Miller of the 49th and Burke of the 11th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Camp Sunshine; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Camp Sunshine has a long and consistent record of service to Georgia's children
3 and has been recognized as one of the most dynamic and committed nonprofit organizations
4 in Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, Dorothy Jordan founded Camp Sunshine in 1983 with the goal of enriching the
6 lives of Georgia's children with cancer and their families through year-round recreational,
7 educational, and support programs; and

8 WHEREAS, the camp has grown from its initial 40 campers to nearly 400 in its 37th annual
9 camp, with over 300 volunteers who make Camp Sunshine's programs possible along with
10 the numerous individuals, private foundations, corporations, and civic organizations that
11 donate funds; and

12 WHEREAS, Camp Sunshine renews the spirits of children with cancer who are often isolated
13 from their peers due to illness and the demands of treatment, helping them realize they are
14 not alone in their struggle; and

15 WHEREAS, every year, this remarkable organization serves thousands of children and their
16 families with more than 150 programs, including Camp Sunshine House which provides free
17 support services to families and children with cancer such as support groups, workshops, and
18 social events; and

19 WHEREAS, in 2019, Camp Sunshine provided 264 programs for 7,885 participants over 281
20 days with the help of 1,000 volunteers; its summer camp served 375 campers with the help
21 of 242 volunteers, and 119 families attended one of four family camps; and it provided
22 activities in Georgia's hospitals during treatments and hospitalizations to more than 2,000
23 children with cancer; and

24 WHEREAS, numerous other supportive programs include teen retreat weekends, sibling
25 camp weekends, Remember the Sunshine Bereavement Weekend and Family Night,
26 hospital-based camps, and teen enrichment programs and excursions; and

27 WHEREAS, Camp Sunshine's dedication to children with cancer and their families makes
28 it is abundantly fitting and proper to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of this
29 extraordinary organization.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
31 recognize and commend Camp Sunshine and extend most sincere best wishes for future
32 success.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
34 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Camp Sunshine.