

## Senate Resolution 377

By: Senators Albers of the 56th, Dugan of the 30th, Burke of the 11th and Beach of the 21st

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Hemophilia of Georgia; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Hemophilia of Georgia, a Georgia nonprofit based in Sandy Springs, provides  
3 services and support to Georgians who have hemophilia, von Willebrand Disease, and other  
4 inherited bleeding disorders; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Hemophilia of Georgia is also internationally recognized for its work with  
6 individuals who have hemophilia and other bleeding disorders, and it serves as a member of  
7 the World Federation of Hemophilia; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Hemophilia of Georgia initiated its work in Georgia in 1973; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Hemophilia of Georgia employs a number of professionals to provide services  
10 to its clients, including pharmacists, nurses, and social workers; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Hemophilia of Georgia operates pharmacies that have received accreditation  
12 from the Accreditation Commission for Health Care Incorporated (ACHC) and the  
13 Utilization Review Accreditation Commission Incorporated (URAC), demonstrating a  
14 commitment to high-quality standards of care; and

15 WHEREAS, Hemophilia of Georgia is the only organization of its type in the state offering  
16 medication, outreach nursing and social work services, clinical and research funding, and  
17 educational and support activities to these individuals to enhance their care and quality of  
18 life; and

19 WHEREAS, Hemophilia of Georgia, through a part of its outreach efforts, provides children  
20 with these inherited bleeding disorders the ability to live more normal lives, including  
21 opportunities to attend summer camp at Camp Wannaklot; and

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

28 WHEREAS, Hemophilia of Georgia's representatives work with the state's Hemophilia  
29 Advisory Board, serving as advisors on the standards of care and treatment for individuals  
30 with hemophilia and other inherited bleeding disorders; and

31 WHEREAS, Hemophilia of Georgia partners with many entities, including St. Jude  
32 Children's Research Hospital and the Hemophilia of Georgia Center for Bleeding & Clotting  
33 Disorders of Emory, for research to find a cure for hemophilia; and

34 WHEREAS, Hemophilia of Georgia serves as a trusted resource to many health care  
35 providers and insurers, providing each with training on bleeding disorders, including

36 appropriate care and treatment, and the organization is recognized nationally and  
37 internationally for its work.

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
39 recognize Hemophilia of Georgia as well as its staff, volunteers, and the persons that the  
40 organization serves and convey to them the heartiest commendation for their work on behalf  
41 of those individuals with hemophilia and other inherited bleeding disorders in this state,  
42 throughout our nation, and around the world.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body encourage all citizens to  
44 support Hemophilia of Georgia's efforts to fund initiatives and programs to help families  
45 affected by hemophilia and other inherited bleeding disorders.

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