

House Resolution 1273

By: Representative Kirby of the 114th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing February as American Heart Month; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia celebrates the extraordinary progress in heart health and
3 recognizes that more needs to be done in Georgia to safeguard heart health for generations
4 to come; and
- 5 WHEREAS, heart disease is the number one killer of Americans and Georgians; and
- 6 WHEREAS, there are over 350,000 out-of-hospital cardiac arrests in the United States and
7 over 10,000 in Georgia annually; and
- 8 WHEREAS, of all sudden death victims, 80 percent are shown to have underlying heart
9 disease; and
- 10 WHEREAS, the survival rate for out-of-hospital cardiac arrest averages under 11 percent
11 annually; and
- 12 WHEREAS, the best outcomes from cardiac arrest depends upon immediate
13 bystander-initiated CPR and an early shock from an automated external defibrillator (AED);
14 and
- 15 WHEREAS, less than 50 percent of cardiac arrest victims outside of a hospital receive
16 bystander-initiated CPR and less than 2 percent of victims receive a shock from a
17 bystander-initiated onsite AED; and
- 18 WHEREAS, keeping Georgians healthy and promoting awareness of health issues, including
19 heart disease, are important responsibilities and depend on the actions of many organizations
20 and groups in our community; and

21 WHEREAS, Georgians are encouraged to take action to make heart health a priority for their
22 communities, their families, and themselves; to become aware of their risk of heart disease
23 and cardiac arrest; and to work together to promote better outcomes in heart health of all
24 Georgians.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
26 the members of this body recognize February as American Heart Month and urge the people
27 of the United States to give heed to the nationwide and statewide problem of heart and blood
28 vessel diseases and to support all essential programs required to bring about a solution.

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