

House Resolution 1293

By: Representatives Park of the 101st, Cannon of the 58th, Drenner of the 85th, Wilson of the 80th, Shannon of the 84th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing June 5, 2022 as HIV Long-Term Survivors Awareness Day; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, on June 5, 1981, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
4 reported the first five cases of what later became known as acquired immunodeficiency
5 syndrome (AIDS); and

6 WHEREAS, more than 770,000 Americans with AIDS have died since the beginning of the
7 human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) epidemic, including nearly 16,000 deaths among
8 people diagnosed with HIV in 2018; and

9 WHEREAS, considerable progress has been made in the fight against HIV/AIDS, including
10 a 23 percent reduction in new HIV transmissions, an over 40 percent reduction in new HIV
11 transmissions among children, and an over 30 percent reduction in the number of
12 AIDS-related deaths between 2010 and 2019; and

13 WHEREAS, in 2019, the United States Department of Health and Human Services launched
14 the bipartisan Ending the HIV Epidemic initiative in the United States in order to reduce new

15 HIV infections in the United States by 90 percent by 2030 through scaling up key HIV
16 prevention and treatment strategies; and

17 WHEREAS, groundbreaking science, policies, and work have drastically extended the life
18 expectancy and well-being of those who are able to access and maintain HIV treatment,
19 where one in two people living with HIV in the United States is over the age of 50; and

20 WHEREAS, public, private, and nonprofit organizations must continue to address
21 institutional and systemic barriers that have exacerbated racial, ethnic, and geographic
22 disparities, which contribute to HIV prevention gaps; and

23 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia should endeavor to expand access to healthcare and
24 life-saving medication along with comprehensive wrap-around services for prevention and
25 treatment purposes including, but not limited to, services related to behavioral health, dental,
26 nutrition, and housing; and

27 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia celebrates HIV Long-Term Survivors and their lives
28 well-lived along with their advocacy and leadership to end the HIV/AIDS epidemic in
29 America and save lives.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
31 the members of this body recognize June 5, 2022 as HIV Long-Term Survivors Awareness
32 Day and extend sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness to Georgians living
33 with HIV.

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