

## House Resolution 1371

By: Representatives Hilton of the 95<sup>th</sup>, Dempsey of the 13<sup>th</sup>, Tankersley of the 160<sup>th</sup>, Turner of the 21<sup>st</sup>, Dreyer of the 59<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 21, 2018, as Down Syndrome Consortium Day at the state capitol; and  
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, approximately 175 babies are born with Down syndrome in the State of Georgia  
4 each year; and

5 WHEREAS, the Georgia Down Syndrome Consortium includes the Down Syndrome  
6 Association of Atlanta, GiGi's Playhouse, the National Down Syndrome Congress, the Adult  
7 Disability Medical Home, and the Emory Down Syndrome Center; and

8 WHEREAS, the late Robyn Berger spent tireless hours at the state capitol and throughout  
9 the State of Georgia, advocating for all individuals with developmental disabilities, including  
10 those with Down syndrome; and

11 WHEREAS, Robyn's journey began when her daughter, Lori, was born with Down syndrome  
12 almost 47 years ago; and

13 WHEREAS, her advocacy for those with developmental disabilities garnered attention for  
14 her work and led to her service on state-wide advisory boards, as well as within many  
15 agencies in Atlanta, and she was able to use her platform to teach and mentor countless  
16 advocates and parents; and

17 WHEREAS, Robyn was known as the "go to" person for all in need, and her inspiring work  
18 helped transform attitudes toward, and care of, people with developmental disabilities; and

19 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the tireless efforts of the Georgia Down  
20 Syndrome Consortium and of the late Robyn Berger toward bringing awareness to  
21 developmental disabilities – specifically Down syndrome – be appropriately recognized.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
23 the members of this body recognize March 21, 2018, as Down Syndrome Consortium Day  
24 at the state capitol.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
26 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
27 Georgia Down Syndrome Consortium, the public, and the press.