

## House Resolution 1377

By: Representatives Buckner of the 137<sup>th</sup>, Hugley of the 141<sup>st</sup>, Smith of the 138<sup>th</sup>, Reese of the 140<sup>th</sup>, Evans of the 57<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Georgia CORE and the Five Regional Cancer Coalitions for  
2 sponsoring February as Cancer Prevention Month in Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, cancer is the number two leading cause of death in Georgia, and approximately  
4 60,000 Georgians will be diagnosed each year with cancer; and

5 WHEREAS, the education focus of Cancer Prevention Month in Georgia was to remind all  
6 that if they are over age of 40 or have a family history of cancer they should talk to their  
7 physician about screenings for breast, lung, colon, and cervical cancer; and

8 WHEREAS, for many cancers the only prevention is early detection; and

9 WHEREAS, several dedicated care givers were recognized at a CORE event; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Cynthia Fernandez, OB/GYN from Columbus, Georgia, a graduate of  
11 Augusta University Medical College with 36 years of experience, caring for her patients from  
12 puberty through adulthood with a very keen focus on prevention improving the quality and  
13 quantity of life was recognized; and

14 WHEREAS, diagnostic radiologist Dr. John Cutrone from Columbus, Georgia, with 35 years  
15 of experience and an eagle eye for seeing small collections of cells through dense breast  
16 tissue before they develop into a tumor, thus saving many lives with his outstanding work  
17 was recognized; and

18 WHEREAS, Dr. Grant Carlson, from Atlanta, Georgia, the first and only surgeon to perfect  
19 the technique to perform both breast surgery to remove a tumor as well as immediate  
20 reconstruction was recognized; and

21 WHEREAS, these three physicians have routinely practiced, preventive, diagnostic, curative,  
22 and reconstructive health care with excellent skill, talent, and a caring heart; and

23 WHEREAS, a resounding debt of gratitude is owed to the caregivers of Georgia CORE, the  
24 Five Regional Cancer Coalitions, and the host of physicians and nurses and allied health  
25 professionals who work tirelessly to prevent and treat cancer in Georgia.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
27 the members of this body recognize and commend Georgia CORE, the Five Regional Cancer  
28 Coalitions, and the host of physicians and nurses and allied health professionals for their  
29 years of efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to the citizens of this state  
30 and extend to them their most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

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