

House Resolution 317

By: Representatives Cooper of the 45th, Silcox of the 53rd, Douglas of the 78th, and Oliver of the 82nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing May 1 to 7, 2023, as Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, many people with serious mental health conditions, such as bipolar disorder,
4 major depression, schizophrenia, and schizoaffective disorder, or gastrointestinal disorders,
5 including gastroparesis, nausea, and vomiting, may be treated with medications that work as
6 dopamine receptor blocking agents (DRBAs), including anti-psychotics; and

7 WHEREAS, while ongoing treatment with these medications can be necessary, prolonged
8 use can also lead to tardive dyskinesia (TD), an involuntary movement disorder that is
9 characterized by uncontrollable, abnormal, and repetitive movements of the face, torso,
10 and/or other body parts; and

11 WHEREAS, it is estimated that TD affects approximately 600,000 people in the United
12 States, and approximately 70 percent of people with TD have not been diagnosed, making
13 it important to raise awareness about the symptoms and impact of TD because even mild
14 symptoms of TD can have physical, social, and emotional consequences; and

15 WHEREAS, it is important that people taking DRBA medication to be monitored for TD;
16 regular screening for TD in these patients is recommended by the American Psychiatric
17 Association (APA); and

18 WHEREAS, clinical research has led to the availability of two treatments for adults with TD
19 by the United States Food and Drug Administration; and

20 WHEREAS, the Georgia House of Representatives can raise awareness of TD in the public
21 and medical community.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
23 the members of this body recognize May 1 to 7, 2023, as Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness
24 Week and encourage each individual in the United States to become better informed about
25 and aware of tardive dyskinesia.

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