

House Resolution 714

By: Representatives Anulewicz of the 42<sup>nd</sup>, Cooper of the 45<sup>th</sup>, Cannon of the 172<sup>nd</sup>, Cox of the 28<sup>th</sup>, and Hagan of the 156<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Georgia Cancer Control Consortium as part of the Georgia  
2 Department of Public Health, HPV Cancer Free GA, Cancer Pathways, the Northwest  
3 Georgia Regional Cancer Coalition, and the Susan Jolley Awareness Program for their  
4 exceptional contributions to cervical cancer education and awareness in Georgia; and for  
5 other purposes.

6 WHEREAS, January is designated by the United States Congress as Cervical Cancer  
7 Awareness Month; and

8 WHEREAS, the Georgia Cancer Control Consortium, HPV Cancer Free GA, Cancer  
9 Pathways, the Northwest Georgia Regional Cancer Coalition, and the Susan Jolly Awareness  
10 Program are dedicated to HPV and cervical cancer awareness efforts in Georgia; and

11 WHEREAS, in acknowledgement of their important work, Georgia Highlands Medical  
12 Services-Cumming, WellStar Pediatrics Avalon Health Park, Affinity Pediatrics Moultrie,  
13 and Memorial Health Meadows Physician Children's Care are recognized as the 2023 HPV  
14 Champions; and

15 WHEREAS, cervical cancer is the fourth most common cancer in women worldwide; each  
16 year, more than 14,480 American women are diagnosed with invasive cervical cancer,  
17 including 490 in Georgia, and more than 4,290 women die from this disease annually,  
18 including 140 in Georgia; and

19 WHEREAS, one in five Georgian women lack access to regular screenings that can identify  
20 cervical cancer in its early stages, and fewer than one in four Georgia adolescents have  
21 received the recommended doses of the HPV cancer prevention vaccine; and

22 WHEREAS, more Black and Hispanic women get HPV-associated cervical cancer than  
23 women of other races or ethnicities; and

24 WHEREAS, cervical cancer is one of the most preventable and treatable cancers due to the  
25 availability of screening tests and the HPV vaccine; 95 percent of all cervical cancers can be  
26 prevented by the HPV vaccine; and

27 WHEREAS, the efforts of the Georgia Cancer Control Consortium, HPV Cancer Free GA,  
28 Cancer Pathways, the Northwest Georgia Regional Cancer Coalition, and the Susan Jolly  
29 Awareness Program have helped increase public awareness of cervical cancer and have  
30 also educated the public on HPV prevention and the HPV vaccine.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
32 the members of this body recognize and commend the 2023 HPV Champions, the Georgia  
33 Cancer Control Consortium, HPV Cancer Free GA, Cancer Pathways, the Northwest Georgia  
34 Regional Cancer Coalition, and the Susan Jolly Awareness Program for their exceptional  
35 efforts and commitment to advancing cervical cancer awareness.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
37 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to  
38 members of Georgia Cancer Control Consortium, HPV Cancer Free GA, Cancer Pathways,  
39 the Northwest Georgia Regional Cancer Coalition, and the Susan Jolly Awareness Program.