

## House Resolution 715

By: Representative Golick of the 40<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and recognizing May 1, 2017, as Cystic  
2 Fibrosis Education and Awareness Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, each year more than 30,000 Americans are impacted by cystic fibrosis (CF),  
4 which is a life-threatening genetic disease that affects the lungs and digestive system; and

5 WHEREAS, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, a nonprofit entity supported by donors with  
6 chapters across the country and this state, serves to find a cure for cystic fibrosis and to  
7 improve the quality of life for people living with the disease, with the mission to ensure that  
8 all people with cystic fibrosis have access to high-quality, specialized care and treatments  
9 needed to live longer, healthier lives; and

10 WHEREAS, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation is the world's leader in the search for a cure for  
11 cystic fibrosis, having raised and invested millions of dollars to help develop drugs and  
12 therapies; through the foundation's efforts, the life expectancy of a child with cystic fibrosis  
13 has doubled in the last 30 years, and research to find a cure is more promising than ever; and

14 WHEREAS, through its unique venture philanthropy approach, the foundation invests in  
15 promising cystic fibrosis research with leading pharmaceutical companies to accelerate  
16 treatment for this rare disease; the result is a robust pipeline of potential therapies, in various  
17 stages of development and testing, aimed at targeting the disease from every angle; and

18 WHEREAS, the foundation has invested more than \$7 million in Georgia in the last several  
19 years for cystic fibrosis research and care initiatives, and the state's commitment to this  
20 community is essential in securing additional clinical trials to be conducted through its  
21 research hospitals; and

22 WHEREAS, through the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation's efforts, people with cystic fibrosis are  
23 living longer, but more needs to be done to help extend the lives of those with the disease,

24 so the foundation urges elected officials to join in the effort to extend and better the lives of  
25 those with cystic fibrosis.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
27 the members of this body commend the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and recognize May 1,  
28 2017, as Cystic Fibrosis Education and Awareness Day at the state capitol.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
30 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
31 Georgia Chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, the public, and the press.