

House Resolution 778

By: Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, Beverly of the 143rd, Mitchell of the 88th, Scott of the 76th, and Davis of the 87th

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Georgia Department of Public Health to identify funding for research to improve
2 our understanding of disease pathology and provide diagnostic tools and potential new
3 treatments and interventions for people living with an autoimmune disease; and for other
4 purposes.

5 WHEREAS, the rates of autoimmune diseases and conditions in the United States and
6 Georgia continue to rise; and

7 WHEREAS, it has become increasingly important to provide robust and sustained funding
8 for research that could improve our understanding of disease pathology and provide
9 diagnostic tools and potential new treatments and interventions for people living with an
10 autoimmune disease; and

11 WHEREAS, there are mechanisms influencing the increasing incidence of autoimmune
12 diseases and conditions, such as the potential role of environmental toxins; and

13 WHEREAS, the role of biological sex has an impact on the development of autoimmune
14 disease, symptom manifestation, and symptom severity; and

15 WHEREAS, factors that can regulate immune response include stress, obesity, diet, and
16 microbiomes; and

17 WHEREAS, risk factors for autoimmune diseases and conditions differ across racial and
18 ethnic groups; and

19 WHEREAS, the intersection between mental health conditions and autoimmune diseases
20 should be identified; and

21 WHEREAS, sex differences in target organs are susceptible to immune-mediated damage;
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23 WHEREAS, long-term population based epidemiology studies into trends, risk factors, and
24 costs of autoimmune diseases and conditions can inform the research; and

25 WHEREAS, innovative diagnostic tools and potential barriers to diagnoses should be
26 identified; and

27 WHEREAS, the role of viral triggers, including long Covid, in the development of
28 autoimmune diseases and conditions should be considered; and

29 WHEREAS, the role of hormones on autoimmune symptom outcomes, including during life
30 stages such as pregnancy and menopause, should be studied.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
32 the members of this body urge the Georgia Department of Public Health to identify funding

33 for research to improve our understanding of disease pathology and provide diagnostic tools
34 and potential new treatments and interventions for people living with an autoimmune disease.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
36 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
37 Georgia Department of Public Health.