

Senate Resolution 652

By: Senators Merritt of the 9th, McLaurin of the 14th, Esteves of the 6th, Islam Parkes of the 7th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Georgia residents who have type 1 diabetes and whose families continually
2 educate and advocate and recognizing March 14, 2024, as Type 1 Diabetes Day at the state
3 capitol; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, type 1 diabetes is an autoimmune disease which causes a person's pancreas to
5 stop producing insulin, a hormone that enables people to produce energy from food. It
6 occurs when the body's immune system attacks and destroys the insulin-producing cells in
7 the pancreas, called the beta cells. Its onset has nothing to do with diet or lifestyle. There
8 is no prevention for type 1 diabetes and, at present, no cure; and

9 WHEREAS, type 1 diabetes strikes both children and adults. It comes on suddenly, causes
10 dependence on artificial insulin for life, and carries the constant threat of devastating
11 complications up to and including death; and

12 WHEREAS, there are more than 3 million children and adults living with type 1 diabetes;
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14 WHEREAS, more than 8,000 children and an unknown number of adults in Georgia live
15 with type 1 diabetes; and

16 WHEREAS, each year in this state, there are approximately 500 children and an unknown
17 number of adults who are diagnosed with type 1 diabetes; and

18 WHEREAS, there is a need for education to increase knowledge, encourage advocacy, and
19 promote safe care for those living with this disease; and

20 WHEREAS, the ultimate goal is to find a cure for this disease and turn type 1 into "Type
21 None" so that people can live healthy, fulfilling lives.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
23 commend the Georgia residents who have type 1 diabetes and whose families continually
24 educate and advocate and recognize March 14, 2024, as Type 1 Diabetes Day at the state
25 capitol.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
27 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Della H. Stoner,
28 organizer of Type 1 Diabetes Day at the state capitol.