

House Resolution 1379

By: Representatives Turner of the 21st, Dempsey of the 13th, Smith of the 134th, McCall of the 33rd, Lott of the 122nd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 5, 2020, as Autism Awareness Day at the state capitol; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, autism spectrum disorders represent a broad range of conditions, characterized
4 by challenges with social skills, repetitive behaviors, and speech and nonverbal
5 communication; and

6 WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, autism spectrum
7 disorders affect at least one in 59 children, as well as an unknown number of adults, in the
8 United States of all genders, races, ethnicities, and socioeconomic backgrounds; and

9 WHEREAS, early, accurate diagnosis and appropriate education, intervention, and supports
10 are vital to the well-being of those with autism spectrum disorders; and

11 WHEREAS, persons with an autism spectrum disorder should have access to the care,
12 services, and opportunities they need to be happy and to achieve their greatest potential; and

13 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia is honored to take part in the annual observance of Autism
14 Awareness Day in the hope that it will lead to more research and a better understanding and
15 acceptance of autism spectrum disorders.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
17 the members of this body recognize March 5, 2020, as Autism Awareness Day at the state
18 capitol to raise public acceptance and understanding of autism spectrum disorders, as well
19 as to increase knowledge of the efforts that have been made and continue to be made to
20 support individuals with autism spectrum disorders and their families.

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