

House Resolution 600

By: Representatives Cooper of the 43rd, Silcox of the 52nd, Smith of the 70th, Dempsey of the 13th, and Gaines of the 117th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and recognizing May 1, 2019, 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 Cystic Fibrosis Foundation has awarded \$16.5 million in grants and research
19 funding in Georgia over the last five years for cystic fibrosis research and care initiatives, and
20 the state's commitment to this community is essential in securing additional clinical trials to
21 be conducted through its 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 2019, 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.