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House Resolution 782

By: Representative Kidd of the 145th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Congratulating Patricia "Trish" Dominic upon the grand occasion of her retirement from
- 2 Hemophilia of Georgia; and for other purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, Trish Dominic, a native of Shamokin, Pennsylvania, which is home to mining
- 4 operations and textile mills, moved to the State of Georgia in 1983; and
- 5 WHEREAS, her career began after she responded to an advertisement in a newspaper for a
- 6 position with the Delaware Valley Chapter of the National Hemophilia Foundation, and she
- 7 was later hired by the organization as a field representative, in which capacity she helped
- 8 with fundraising events for families suffering from hemophilia and with educating
- 9 individuals, schools, colleges, and civic organizations about bleeding disorders and
- 10 hemophilia; and
- 11 WHEREAS, she was named the Delaware Valley Chapter's Director of Volunteers in 1977,
- 12 a position in which she worked year round in Philadelphia and southern New Jersey on
- 13 bleeding disorder education and fundraising efforts, which eventually led her to become the
- 14 chapter's Executive Director in 1980; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Trish Dominic and her husband moved to Atlanta, Georgia, in 1983, which
- 16 forced her to briefly leave the bleeding disorders community, although her passion for those
- 17 affected by these diseases inspired her to return to her work; and
- 18 WHEREAS, Trish Dominic learned that the care for individuals with hemophilia and other
- 19 bleeding disorders was lagging behind in Georgia at that time, and the local Georgia Chapter
- 20 of the National Hemophilia Foundation hired her as its Executive Director in 1984 because
- 21 of her vast knowledge and experience in that field; and
- 22 WHEREAS, under her leadership, the Georgia Chapter merged with Hemophilia of Georgia;
- 23 expanded to a staff of more than 40 individuals; grew its services and operations to include

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24 two pharmacy operations, a summer camp program for children, Camp Wannaklot;

- 25 developed specialized care through a partnership with the Centers for Disease Control and
- 26 Prevention; and developed three endowed chairs at Emory University to conduct research on
- 27 bleeding disorders; and
- 28 WHEREAS, Hemophilia of Georgia has become a Regional Core Center so that it can help
- 29 broaden and strengthen care to individuals in the Southeast who suffer from bleeding
- 30 disorders; and
- 31 WHEREAS, Hemophilia of Georgia, under the leadership of Trish Dominic, has expanded
- 32 its reach to serve not only Georgia and individuals in the United States, but also people
- around the globe, helping others with bleeding disorder diseases through its membership and
- 34 work with the World Federation of Hemophilia and its provision of necessary blood clotting
- 35 medications to areas of the world which do not have ready access to such drugs; and
- 36 WHEREAS, Trish Dominic helped establish the Hemophilia Alliance and served in various
- 37 leadership capacities there, including a term as president of the organization; and
- 38 WHEREAS, she helped establish the American Thrombosis and Hemostasis Network, a
- 39 nonprofit organization geared toward helping with bleeding disorder research; and
- 40 WHEREAS, Trish Dominic will retire at the end of March, 2015, thus ending her successful
- 41 30 year career with Hemophilia of Georgia.
- 42 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
- 43 the members of this body commend Patricia "Trish" Dominic on her many years of dedicated
- 44 service to Hemophilia of Georgia, congratulate her upon the grand occasion of her
- 45 retirement, and extend to her their best sincere most wishes for continued health and
- 46 happiness.
- 47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 48 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
- 49 Patricia "Trish" Dominic.