

House Resolution 986

By: Representatives Cooper of the 43rd, Hatchett of the 150th, Price of the 48th, Silcox of the 52nd, and Beskin of the 54th

A RESOLUTION

1 Proclaiming February 14, 2018, as Georgia Stop The Bleed Day at the state capitol; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, each year, more than 180,000 people die from traumatic injuries sustained as
4 a result of events, including motor vehicle crashes, falls, industrial and farm accidents,
5 natural disasters, and tragic mass casualty events; and

6 WHEREAS, the most common preventable cause of death in these situations is the loss of
7 too much blood in the minutes before trained immediate responders arrive; and

8 WHEREAS, no matter how rapid the arrival of professional emergency responders,
9 bystanders will always be first on the scene; and

10 WHEREAS, the ability to recognize life-threatening bleeding and the ability to intervene
11 effectively can save lives; and

12 WHEREAS, the American College of Surgeons, working in partnership with many other
13 organizations, has made training needed to "Stop the Bleed" easily available to the public;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, the goal of Stop the Bleed is to educate, engage, and empower bystanders to
16 help in a bleeding emergency before professional help arrives; and

17 WHEREAS, professionals from Georgia's trauma community have traveled to the capitol
18 today to provide Stop the Bleed training to legislators, staff, and the public; and

19 WHEREAS, the Georgia Society of the American College of Surgeons has provided trauma
20 kits at strategic locations on capitol hill, including the chamber of the Georgia House of
21 Representatives; and

22 WHEREAS, the Georgia Trauma Foundation has established www.stopthebleedgeorgia.org
23 as a central location to assist Georgians in obtaining Stop the Bleed training; and

24 WHEREAS, through a generous appropriation from the Georgia General Assembly, the
25 Georgia Trauma Commission is equipping public schools with trauma kits; and

26 WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to proclaim a day on which the public is educated about
27 the vital necessity of stemming blood flow of traumatic injuries.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body recognize February 14, 2018, as Stop The Bleed Day at the state
30 capitol.

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