

Senate Resolution 74

By: Senators James of the 35th, Henson of the 41st, Rhett of the 33rd, Butler of the 55th, Tate of the 38th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Encouraging the development of minority owned plasma centers; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, for many years, people have suffered from medical deficiencies which could
3 be controlled by drugs made from human plasma; and
- 4 WHEREAS, there are numerous U.S. Food and Drug Administration licensed plasma
5 donation centers in the United States; and
- 6 WHEREAS, statistics have shown that in 2008, there were 18.8 million plasma donations
7 made in the United States at federally licensed plasma collection centers; and
- 8 WHEREAS, statistics have further shown that 20 million liters of plasma are used worldwide
9 every year to manufacture plasma protein therapies for patients with blood clotting disorders,
10 sickle cell disease, immune deficiencies, neurological disorders, pediatric HIV, and
11 hemophilia; and
- 12 WHEREAS, worldwide sales exceed \$8 billion annually; and
- 13 WHEREAS, it is reported that more than 80 percent of United States plasma donations come
14 from African Americans; and
- 15 WHEREAS, no African American owns a plasma collection center in the United States.
- 16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
17 encourage the United States plasma industry to open its markets and allow equal opportunity
18 for African Americans to participate in the process by executing plasma collection
19 agreements with them.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
21 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to members of the
22 public and press.