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Rep. Chuck Efstration of Dacula (Dist 104) receives The ALS Association – Georgia Chapter Legislator of the Year Award

Atlanta, GA (March 11, 2020) – The ALS Association Georgia Chapter was pleased to present Representative Chuck Efstration of Dacula (District 104) their Legislator of the Year Award for his efforts in leading House Resolution 135 in 2019 – urging Congress to eliminate the five-month waiting period for disability insurance benefits for individuals living with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS).

“Rep. Efstration’s commitment to the citizens of Georgia and the ALS community helps us raise awareness state wide”, said Executive Director Sarah Embro. His lead on House Resolution 135 made it possible for the successful passage of the urging resolution. “The unanimous support of the Georgia Legislature for this resolution sent a very clear message to Georgia’s Representatives and Senators in Washington, DC,” noted Peter Gleichman, Chair of The ALS Association Georgia Chapter’s Advocacy Committee.

Senator Renee Unterman will also be recognized for her leadership in supporting Senate Resolution 276, a similar bill in the Georgia State Senate. For details on House Resolution 135 and Senate Resolution 276 visit: SR 276 and HR 135.

Currently, people with ALS who qualify for SSDI must wait five months before receiving benefits. The ALS Disability Insurance Access Act (S. 578 / H.R. 1407) would eliminate the five-month Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) waiting period for people with ALS.

The ALS Association’s Legislator of the Year Award is intended to be presented to a “friend” of the Association that advances awareness of ALS and advocates for policies that positively impact ALS patients and their families living in Georgia.

About The ALS Association of Georgia
The ALS Association of Georgia is the only nationally affiliated not-for-profit health organization dedicated solely to the fight against ALS. The ALS Association of Georgia provides an array of support through our Care Services Programs such as: one-on-one consultations, an equipment loaner program, support groups, the Kostiuk Care Grant Program, the Sally Panfel In-Home Care & Respite Program, the Paul B. Williams Transportation Program, and support for ALS clinics in Atlanta, Augusta and Macon. The local chapter also joins with chapters across the country to support research and participate in federal advocacy initiatives. To learn more about ALS and The ALS Association of Georgia, visit www.alsaga.org.

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