

Senate Resolution 52

By: Senators Walker of the 22nd and Cheeks of the 23rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Dr. Francis J. Tedesco as the distinguished President of the Medical College
2 of Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Francis J. Tedesco has served with the utmost dedication and ability as the
4 President of the Medical College of Georgia since July 1, 1988, and will retire on January
5 31, 2001, having contributed substantially to the quality of Georgia's medical education,
6 research, and service; and

7 WHEREAS, he joined the faculty at the Medical College of Georgia in 1978 as an associate
8 professor in gastroenterology, became a professor in 1981, directed clinical activities in
9 1984, and was interim dean from 1986-1988; and

10 WHEREAS, he was President of the American Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy from
11 1985-1986, received the Rudolf Schindler Award in 1993, served as a reviewer for 14
12 nationally known journals, been a member of five editorial boards, and published over 180
13 research articles, abstracts, and book chapters; and

14 WHEREAS, he has chaired the National Digestive Disease Advisory Board of the National
15 Institutes of Health and been involved in making recommendations to the U.S. Congress,
16 Secretary of Health and Human Services, and directors of various federal agencies; and

17 WHEREAS, since 1992, he has chaired the Health Strategies Council, been a member of the
18 Georgia Coalition for Health, and been a valuable leader in his community, state, and nation;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, Dr. Tedesco has contributed significantly to the health of Georgia's children by
21 recruiting faculty and staff who specialize in treating children and adolescents and by
22 pursuing construction of the MCG Children's Medical Center, a hospital that provides an
23 ideal setting for the treatment of these young patients; and

1 WHEREAS, he has contributed to the health of all Georgians by establishing the MCG
2 Telemedicine Center, which uses technology to eliminate distance as a barrier in providing
3 health care across the expansive, largely rural State of Georgia; and

4 WHEREAS, he has contributed to the future health of those in Georgia and beyond by
5 providing an educational environment that attracts outstanding students who will become
6 outstanding health care practitioners; and

7 WHEREAS, he has further contributed to the future of health care by bolstering research
8 initiatives to learn more about the diseases that impact the brain and body; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Tedesco has significantly enhanced the future of MCG's tripartite missions
10 of academics, research, and patient care by establishing 30 endowed chairs during his tenure,
11 the income from which is used to recruit and retain first-class faculty; and

12 WHEREAS, he has further strengthened the university's present and future by bolstering the
13 MCG Foundation's assets tenfold, ensuring that significant private support is available for
14 the university; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Tedesco, his wife Luann, and daughter Jennifer have excelled as
16 ambassadors for the state's health sciences university.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that this body commends Dr.
18 Francis J. Tedesco as President of the Medical College of Georgia and conveys to him its
19 appreciation and best wishes on his retirement.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
21 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Francis J. Tedesco.