

House Resolution 1300

By: Representative Twiggs of the 8<sup>th</sup>

### A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Union County Hospital Authority and the administration and staff thereof;  
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Union General Hospital received the 2001 Rural Hospital of the Year Award  
4 from the Georgia Rural Health Association, an award which honors a Georgia hospital that,  
5 through understanding its community's needs, has achieved the public confidence that many  
6 rural health care facilities strive to gain in the face of a growing need for local services; and

7 WHEREAS, the authority opened a new nursing home and increased bed capacity from 60  
8 to 147 and donated the "old" nursing home building to the county; and

9 WHEREAS, Union General Hospital purchased the for profit Chatuge Regional Hospital and  
10 Nursing Home in Towns County and converted it into a nonprofit facility that has  
11 significantly increased accessibility to quality health care in north Georgia along with  
12 providing positive economic impact through the saving of 300 jobs in Towns County; and

13 WHEREAS, this hospital opened a regional dialysis center that offers convenient local care,  
14 and it also built a state of the art 10,000 square foot outpatient center that has optimized the  
15 use of surgery and recovery facilities; and

16 WHEREAS, as a result of a joint venture with two oncologists, a cancer treatment center on  
17 the hospital's campus will open in the spring of 2002 that will offer both radiation treatment  
18 and chemotherapy; and

19 WHEREAS, Union General is an exceptional rural hospital, and it is only fitting and proper  
20 that the hospital authority and its administration and staff be recognized by this body.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
22 the members of this body commend the Union County Hospital Authority chairman and

1 members of the governing board, administration, and staff for their outstanding achievements  
2 and contributions to the welfare of the county, this north Georgia area, and the state.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
4 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Union General Hospital.