

## Senate Resolution 817

By: Senators Hecht of the 34th, Starr of the 44th and Walker of the 22nd

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Dr. Leila Daughtry Denmark for her stellar medical career; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Leila Daughtry Denmark was born on February 1, 1898, in Bulloch County,  
4 Georgia. She graduated from Tift College in 1922. She was the third female to graduate  
5 from the Medical College of Georgia in 1928 and was the first intern at the fledgling  
6 Egleston Children's Hospital where she admitted the first patient; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Denmark conducted extensive research in the diagnosis, treatment, and  
8 immunization of whooping cough beginning in 1933 which ultimately led to the development  
9 of the modern day DPT vaccination; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Denmark practiced pediatrics for over 70 years in Alpharetta, Georgia, and  
11 was, until her recent retirement shortly before her 104th birthday, the oldest practicing  
12 physician in the United States according to the American Medical Association. She  
13 volunteered one day a week for 56 years at the Central Presbyterian Clinic in Atlanta caring  
14 for the poor while raising a family with her husband of 62 years; and

15 WHEREAS, she has received numerous professional, academic, and community service  
16 awards and citations including the *Atlanta Business Chronicle's* prestigious Health-Care  
17 Heroes Award for lifetime achievement; and

18 WHEREAS, Senior Week at the Capitol has been established to recognize the valuable  
19 contributions older Georgians have made to our state and will be observed the week of  
20 March 4-8, 2002; and

21 WHEREAS, the Georgia Council on Aging has chosen to honor Dr. Denmark as the  
22 Distinguished Senior Georgian of 2002 in recognition of her contributions to her community  
23 and state and the positive role model she represents for young and old alike.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
2 recognize and commend Dr. Leila Daughtry Denmark for her illustrious medical career and  
3 public service as the Distinguished Senior Georgian for 2002.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
5 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Leila Daughtry Denmark.