

Senate Resolution 203

By: Senators Thomas of the 54th, Cheeks of the 23rd, Unterman of the 45th, Butler of the 55th, Bowen of the 13th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Partnership for Health and Accountability; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the Partnership for Health and Accountability was established in January, 2000,
3 in an effort to bring together hospitals, physicians, nurses, pharmacists, pharmaceutical
4 manufacturers, the business community, policy leaders, and consumers to share data,
5 resources, and expertise to ensure quality care and patient safety; and

6 WHEREAS, the Partnership for Health and Accountability is recognized nationally for its
7 leadership in improving patient safety and has been the model for other states; and

8 WHEREAS, this partnership provides a forum for discussion and advocacy for data driven
9 public policy that promotes the use of clinical evidence based best practices, coordination of
10 care, expansion of health care coverage, and access to health services; and

11 WHEREAS, the four major components used by the partnership to support its goals are
12 community involvement, data analysis, reports, and a continuous improvement framework;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, one patient error is one too many and consumers, providers, and the community
15 must work together and be responsible for making improvements in health care; and

16 WHEREAS, Bacon County Hospital of Alma, Crisp Regional Hospital of Cordele, St. Joseph
17 Hospital of Augusta, DeKalb Medical Center of Decatur, Emory Hospitals of Atlanta,
18 Archbold Medical Center-Archbold Northside Center for Behavioral and Psychiatric Care
19 in Thomasville, Hamilton Medical Center in Dalton, Saint Joseph's Hospital in Atlanta, and
20 Southeast Georgia Health System in Brunswick have received awards for their outstanding
21 leadership and innovation in patient safety.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
2 commend the Partnership for Health and Accountability and Bacon County Hospital of
3 Alma, Crisp Regional Hospital of Cordele, St. Joseph Hospital of Augusta, DeKalb Medical
4 Center of Decatur, Emory Hospitals of Atlanta, Archbold Medical Center-Archbold
5 Northside Center for Behavioral and Psychiatric Care in Thomasville, Hamilton Medical
6 Center in Dalton, Saint Joseph's Hospital in Atlanta, and Southeast Georgia Health System
7 in Brunswick for the exceptional advances they have made in patient safety and recognize
8 March 9 - 15, 2003, as Patient Safety Awareness Week.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
10 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Partnership for Health and
11 Accountability, Bacon County Hospital of Alma, Crisp Regional Hospital of Cordele, St.
12 Joseph Hospital of Augusta, DeKalb Medical Center of Decatur, Emory Hospitals of Atlanta,
13 Archbold Medical Center-Archbold Northside Center for Behavioral and Psychiatric Care
14 in Thomasville, Hamilton Medical Center in Dalton, Saint Joseph's Hospital in Atlanta, and
15 Southeast Georgia Health System in Brunswick.