

House Resolution 630

By: Representatives Ashe of the 42nd, Post 2, Moraitakis of the 42nd, Post 4, Teper of the 42nd, Post 1, Gardner of the 42nd, Post 3, and Brooks of the 47th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Edward J. Renford, President and Chief Executive Officer of Grady Health
2 System; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Edward J. Renford has served with the utmost ability as the President and Chief
4 Executive Officer of Grady Health System, the largest public health hospital complex in the
5 southeast, since April of 1994 and his extraordinary talent and leadership has brought honor
6 to Grady and its superb staff and to metropolitan Atlanta and its civic leaders; and

7 WHEREAS, he changed the course of Grady from that of a health institution struggling with
8 substantial deficits totaling \$26 million to a debt-free entity, opened the nation's first health
9 care center located inside a Kroger Food Store, and led Grady into the managed care market
10 with one of the first Publicly-funded Health Services Networks (PHSN) in the country; and

11 WHEREAS, he holds a bachelor's and a master's degree in business administration and chose
12 to apply his expertise in the field of public health out of a deep sense of altruism and public
13 service and for that literally millions of people he never knew are most grateful; and

14 WHEREAS, over the course of his 30-year health care career, he has served as the chief
15 financial officer, chief operating officer, and chief executive officer of major health systems
16 in California as well as Georgia and has been lauded for his many accomplishments; and

17 WHEREAS, he is involved in the community and serves on the board of Central Atlanta
18 Progress, Butler Street YMCA, Georgia Chamber of Commerce, and the One-Ninety-One
19 Club and he is an active member of Cascade United Methodist Church, a devoted partner to
20 his lovely wife, Ruthie, and a proud father of their lawyer daughter, Camille Nicole.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
22 this body commends Edward J. Renford for his outstanding public service at Grady Health
23 System and conveys to him their respect, admiration, and best wishes on his retirement.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 2 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Edward J. Renford.