

Senate Resolution 768

By: Senators Thomas of the 10th and Butler of the 55th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Tenet Healthcare Foundation and Tenet Georgia; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Tenet Healthcare Foundation and Tenet Georgia had announced a grant of more
3 than \$528,000 to expand the accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program at
4 Georgia State University's Byrdine F. Lewis School of Nursing; and

5 WHEREAS, Georgia State University's accelerated nursing program was created to help
6 answer the critical shortage of nurses in Atlanta and the State of Georgia; and

7 WHEREAS, the Georgia Hospital Association reported that in 2003, there was an RN
8 vacancy rate of 14 percent in metro Atlanta; and

9 WHEREAS, Georgia State University estimates the Tenet Foundation grant will allow the
10 accelerated program to double the number of graduates over the three-year period of the
11 grant, from 28 to 56; and

12 WHEREAS, the grant from Tenet was given out of a serious concern for the future of health
13 care in our community and will ultimately help improve quality of patient care by bringing
14 more qualified nurses to Georgia's hospitals; and

15 WHEREAS, a projected 112 students will graduate with bachelor's degrees in nursing from
16 Georgia State University and will provide 224,000 patient care hours in Georgia; and

17 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that the significance of this grant and these
18 organizations to the welfare of this state be recognized.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
20 commend Tenet Healthcare Foundation and Tenet Georgia for their grant contribution to
21 Georgia State University.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
- 2 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Tenet Healthcare Foundation and Tenet
- 3 Georgia.