

Senate Resolution 780

By: Senators Thomas of the 54th, Balfour of the 9th, Thomas of the 2nd, Stephens of the 51st, Gillis of the 20th 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 quality of care and patient safety and has been the model for other
8 states; and
- 9 WHEREAS, this partnership provides a forum for discussion and advocacy for data driven
10 public policy that promotes the use of clinical evidence based best practices, coordination of
11 care, expansion of health care coverage, and access to health services; and
- 12 WHEREAS, the four major components used by the partnership to support its goals are
13 community involvement, data analysis, reports, and a continuous improvement framework;
14 and
- 15 WHEREAS, one preventable patient error is one too many and consumers, providers, and
16 the community must work together and be responsible for making improvements in health
17 care; and
- 18 WHEREAS, Brooks County Hospital of Quitman, Higgins General Hospital of Bremen,
19 Elbert Memorial Hospital of Elberton, Fannin Regional Hospital of Blue Ridge, Palmyra
20 Medical Centers of Albany, St. Francis Hospital of Columbus, Tanner Medical Center of
21 Carrollton, Athens Regional Medical Center of Athens, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta,
22 Saint Joseph's Hospital of Atlanta, HCA South-East Division of Alpharetta, and Emory

1 Healthcare of Atlanta have received awards for their outstanding leadership and innovation
2 in quality care and patient safety.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
4 commend the Partnership for Health and Accountability and Brooks County Hospital of
5 Quitman, Higgins General Hospital of Bremen, Elbert Memorial Hospital of Elberton,
6 Fannin Regional Hospital of Blue Ridge, Palmyra Medical Centers of Albany, St. Francis
7 Hospital of Columbus, Tanner Medical Center of Carrollton, Athens Regional Medical
8 Center of Athens, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, Saint Joseph's Hospital of Atlanta, HCA
9 South-East Division of Alpharetta, and Emory Healthcare of Atlanta for the exceptional
10 advances they have made in quality of care and patient safety.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
12 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Partnership for Health and
13 Accountability, Brooks County Hospital of Quitman, Higgins General Hospital of Bremen,
14 Elbert Memorial Hospital of Elberton, Fannin Regional Hospital of Blue Ridge, Palmyra
15 Medical Centers of Albany, St. Francis Hospital of Columbus, Tanner Medical Center oif
16 Carrollton, Athens Regional Medical Center of Athens, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta,
17 Saint Joseph's Hospital of Atlanta, HCA South-East Division of Alpharetta, and Emory
18 Healthcare of Atlanta.