

## House Resolution 1734

By: Representatives Reece of the 21<sup>st</sup>, Rogers of the 20<sup>th</sup>, Amerson of the 9<sup>th</sup>, and Mills of the 67<sup>th</sup>, Post 2

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Mr. John A. Ferguson, Jr.; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, in 1964, Mr. John A. Ferguson, Jr., joined the Northeast Georgia Medical  
3 Center and became the first hospital engineer in the State of Georgia; and
- 4 WHEREAS, in 1968, at the age of 28, he became the youngest hospital administrator and  
5 chief executive officer in the state and he has since achieved Fellowship in the American  
6 College of Healthcare Executives; and
- 7 WHEREAS, when Mr. Ferguson came to Northeast Georgia Medical Center, the  
8 organization was a single-entity acute care hospital with 147 beds and 430 employees; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Northeast Georgia Health System is now a major provider of health care  
10 services for 20 counties in Northeast Georgia and has over 3,500 employees and one of the  
11 largest and most active volunteer programs in the state; and
- 12 WHEREAS, major services that have been added under Mr. Ferguson's leadership include:  
13 the Ronnie Green Heart Center and Stribling Heart Clinic for advanced heart care; the only  
14 comprehensive cancer care service in the region that is served by Northeast Georgia Medical  
15 Center, a network of 14 primary care centers across eight counties; a neonatal care service;  
16 and a comprehensive physical rehabilitation institute; and
- 17 WHEREAS, Mr. Ferguson's vision for a healthier community, coupled with a heart for the  
18 people who depend on Northeast Georgia Medical Center for health care services, paved the  
19 way for a strong relationship with the Hall County Health Department; and
- 20 WHEREAS, funds have been raised through the Medical Center Foundation for numerous  
21 other health related community benefits such as the Hall County Meals on Wheels, the Safe

1 Kids Playground at Fair Street Elementary School, automatic external defibrillators for Hall  
2 County emergency response vehicles, and Challenged Child; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Ferguson's vision for high-quality health care services and his heart for the  
4 people who depend on Northeast Georgia Health System have, unquestionably, made an  
5 impact on the community health and the quality of life in Hall County and surrounding  
6 counties.

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
8 the members of this body commend Mr. John A. Ferguson, Jr., on his many contributions to  
9 the health services and the well-being of Northeast Georgia residents.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
11 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. John A. Ferguson, Jr.