

House Resolution 1785

By: Representatives Oliver of the 56th, Post 2, Benfield of the 56th, Post 1, Henson of the 55th, and Moraitakis of the 42nd, Post 4

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Emory University Hospital and congratulating it on its 100th anniversary; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, this hospital's forebear, Wesley Memorial Hospital, was founded by the United
4 Methodist Church in 1904 and opened its doors in 1905 in an antebellum home on the corner
5 of Courtland Street and Auburn Avenue; and

6 WHEREAS, this hospital moved to its current site on the campus of Emory University in
7 1922 and assumed its current name in 1932; and

8 WHEREAS, this hospital spawned Emory's nursing school in 1905 and has been the training
9 site for both thousands of nurses and physicians throughout its history; and

10 WHEREAS, this hospital convened a unit of dedicated and highly skilled Emory doctors and
11 nurses to care for the wounded behind front lines in World War I and World War II, applying
12 new knowledge from those experiences, such as use of recovery rooms, to the civilian
13 setting; and

14 WHEREAS, this hospital has been the site of various medical firsts in Georgia, including the
15 state's first transplants for cornea (1947), kidney (1966), bone marrow (1979), liver (1987),
16 pancreas (1989), and islet cell (2003) and including Georgia's first open heart surgery
17 (1962), aortic valve replacement (1963), coronary bypass (1970), minimally invasive keyhole
18 coronary bypass (1996), implant of a dual-pump ventricular-assist device (1997), and implant
19 of a biventricular pacemaker (1999); and

20 WHEREAS, this hospital was also the site of the country's first coronary stent implant
21 (1987) and the first artificial cornea transplant (2003) as well as the world's fifth nonsurgical
22 repair of a faulty coronary mitral valve (2003); and

1 WHEREAS, this hospital is currently ranked seventh in the nation in heart care by *U.S. News*
2 & *World Report*.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
4 the members of this body recognize Emory University Hospital and its contributions to
5 patient care, medical education, and research and congratulate it on the occasion of its 100th
6 anniversary.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
8 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Emory University Hospital.