

House Resolution 418

By: Representatives Wilkinson of the 52nd, Geisinger of the 48th, Lindsey of the 54th, and Willard of the 49th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Saint Joseph's Hospital on 125 years of excellence in health care and
2 recognizing March 8, 2005, as "Saint Joseph's Hospital Day"; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, around 1879, at the request of Bishop William Gross, Sisters M. Cecilia Carroll,
4 Helena Sheehan, Borgia Thomas, and Berchmans Young departed for Atlanta to found an
5 urgently needed, permanent hospital to serve the city's sick and poor; and

6 WHEREAS, on April 21, 1880, with the opening of the hospital in a remodeled Atlanta
7 home, these determined sisters had performed a visionary and monumental task that was to
8 begin a long and distinguished record of service to the citizens of Atlanta and the State of
9 Georgia; and

10 WHEREAS, today's Saint Joseph's Hospital has continued the Sisters of Mercy's original
11 mission of "charity and the care of the sick and infirm" without regard to the patient's race,
12 creed, or class; and

13 WHEREAS, the hospital has a long and outstanding record of expanding and improving its
14 services to meet the evolving needs of the Atlanta community, including raising funds to
15 increase bed capacity and opening Diagnostic Outpatient Clinics in 1938 to serve patients
16 from rural sections of Atlanta free of charge; and

17 WHEREAS, in keeping with the history of its excellent nursing school, which served the
18 Atlanta community for 75 years, the nurses of Saint Joseph's Hospital have been awarded the
19 Magnet Recognition for Excellence in Nursing Service for the exceptional care and
20 compassion they provide to patients and their families; and

21 WHEREAS, Saint Joseph's Hospital is known throughout the nation for its leadership and
22 excellence in coronary and vascular care and has been among the first to offer cutting-edge
23 medical treatments and adopt the many advancements made in this field; and

1 WHEREAS, on the momentous occasion of the hospital's 125th anniversary, the citizens of
2 Georgia offer their gratitude to the many physicians, nurses, staff, and volunteers of Saint
3 Joseph's who have seen them through times of difficulty with great care and sympathy.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
5 the members of this body join in recognizing March 8, 2005, as "Saint Joseph's Hospital
6 Day," and, on the occasion of its 125th anniversary, express their sincere thanks and
7 commendation for the excellent health care and compassion the hospital provides to the
8 citizens of the State of Georgia.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
10 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Saint Joseph's Hospital.