

## House Resolution 418

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

## 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.