

House Resolution 420

By: Representative Borders of the 175<sup>th</sup>

### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Samuel Taylor; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Samuel Taylor has provided excellent medical care to the women of  
3 Valdosta, Georgia; and

4 WHEREAS, growing up in a Georgia farming family, his parents encouraged him to excel  
5 at school, and, after graduating from high school as valedictorian, he received his bachelor's  
6 and master's degree in animal science before realizing that his true calling was to become a  
7 doctor; and

8 WHEREAS, receiving acceptance to the Medical College of Georgia in Augusta, he then  
9 interned at the University of Ohio, Toledo, and served his OB-GYN residency in  
10 Chattanooga, Tennessee; and

11 WHEREAS, he began practicing medicine in July of 1983 in Eastman, Georgia, but at the  
12 prompting of a college friend, he soon relocated to Valdosta to provide much needed medical  
13 services to its African American community; and

14 WHEREAS, as Valdosta's first African American obstetrician-gynecologist, he overcame  
15 initial resistance to develop a successful practice, earning a reputation for his wonderful  
16 bedside manner and the high quality of care he delivers to each of his patients, regardless of  
17 race; and

18 WHEREAS, over the past 20 years, he has delivered thousands of local babies, and has  
19 raised three outstanding children with his wife Julia, each of whom are studying medicine  
20 and are expected to join his practice at Comprehensive Women's Health; and

21 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia is honored to count this dedicated and distinguished doctor  
22 among its citizens.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
2 the members of this body join to recognize Dr. Samuel Taylor and commend his outstanding  
3 service to the Valdosta community.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
5 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Samuel Taylor.