

Senate Resolution 519

By: Senators Thomas of the 54th, Mullis of the 53rd and Smith of the 52nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Dr. John Antalis; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Antalis earned a bachelor of science in chemistry from Wofford College
3 in Spartanburg, South Carolina, and, in 1982, he followed with his M.D. at Saint George's
4 University School of Medicine and later completed his residency program at Floyd Medical
5 Center in Rome; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. John Antalis, a practicing family physician in Dalton, Georgia, was named
7 Georgia Family Physician of the Year in 1996 and currently services as President of the
8 Medical Association of Georgia; and

9 WHEREAS, in his more than two decades as a physician, Dr. Antalis has tirelessly and
10 enthusiastically devoted himself to the medical community and the fight for patient and
11 physician rights, and has taken on an active role in politics, lobbying for state and federal
12 policy on health care; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Antalis has held many leadership positions with the Medical Association
14 of Georgia, acting as a representative and advocate for patients and his peers and helping to
15 pass meaningful legislation in Georgia; and

16 WHEREAS, he has served on the Board of Directors for the Medical Association of Georgia
17 and MAG Mutual, has held the position of president with both the Georgia Academy of
18 Family Physicians and the Whitfield-Murray Medical Society, and has served on the United
19 States Pharmacopeia Quintennial and its Safe Medication and Errors Committee; and

20 WHEREAS, he is a loving husband to Cathy and devoted father to three children, Christina,
21 Stephen, and Catherine.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
2 commend Dr. John Antalis for his many contributions to the welfare of the citizens of this
3 state and to health care policy legislation.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
5 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. John Antalis.