

House Resolution 846

By: Representatives Oliver of the 83rd, Benfield of the 85th, Henson of the 87th, Drenner of the 86th, and Manning of the 32nd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and honoring Emory University's Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing
2 on the momentous occasion of its Centennial Anniversary; and for other purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, Emory University's School of Nursing began as the Wesley Memorial Hospital
4 Training School for Nurses on August 16, 1905; and
- 5 WHEREAS, in 1968, the school of nursing was named for Mrs. Nell Hodgson Woodruff, the
6 wife of Coca-Cola magnate Robert Woodruff, who, although she left the nursing school upon
7 her marriage, remained committed to the nursing profession throughout her life, serving as
8 a volunteer nurse for the Red Cross and being invited by President Eisenhower to serve on
9 the United States delegation to the World Health Organization; and
- 10 WHEREAS, the school has a proud legacy of producing nurses who have advanced care and
11 the profession nationally and across the globe, and, in this centennial year, renews its
12 commitment to that tradition of providing a strong foundation for tomorrow's promising
13 nurses; and
- 14 WHEREAS, dedicated to evolving and improving nursing practice, the school focuses on the
15 key values of scholarship, leadership, and social responsibility, an effort whose success is
16 reflected in its ranking as eighth among United States private schools of nursing; as
17 eighteenth in NIH funding of all schools of nursing, a rise of 21 places since 2003; and in the
18 top 10 percent of all schools of nursing by *U.S. News and World Report*; and
- 19 WHEREAS, the school will celebrate its centennial in 2005 with the theme of "The Future
20 of Caring. Now." and is launching its Centennial Fund to support scholarships and new
21 initiatives that will further enhance the lives of others by improving quality of care; and

1 WHEREAS, this outstanding school has graduated over 10,000 nurse leaders and innovators
2 and has over 350 undergraduate and graduate nursing students, an increase of 40 percent over
3 the last five years; and

4 WHEREAS, every day, patients and their families across Georgia benefit from the excellent
5 training received by the graduates of this fine school, and it is abundantly fitting and proper
6 on this important and historic milestone that the contributions of the Nell Hodgson Woodruff
7 School of Nursing be appropriately recognized and honored.

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
9 the members of this body join to recognize Emory University's Nell Hodgson Woodruff
10 School of Nursing, honor its century-long legacy of excellence in nursing care, and extend
11 their sincere best wishes and appreciation to the school's students, faculty, and alumni.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
13 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Emory University's Nell
14 Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing.