

Senate Resolution 28

By: Senators Thomas of the 54th, Smith of the 52nd, Carter of the 13th, Hamrick of the 30th, Douglas of the 17th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Andrew P. Morley, Jr., M.D., for his outstanding public
2 service; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the health and well-being of the citizens of our state depend on access to
4 high-quality physicians, well distributed throughout the state to meet the health care needs
5 of all citizens; and

6 WHEREAS, the state has long struggled with ensuring that an appropriate number of primary
7 care and specialist physicians exist in all areas of the state; and

8 WHEREAS, the Board for Physician Workforce was created in 1976 (then known as the
9 Joint Board for Family Practice) with the purpose of ensuring that all Georgians have access
10 to a physician when needed; and

11 WHEREAS, the work of the Board is guided through the dedicated service of practicing
12 health care professionals like Dr. Morley; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Morley served on the Board from 1983 to 2006, more than 20 years, helping
14 to guide the Board as it developed meaningful and effective programs designed to build
15 Georgia's primary care physician workforce; and

16 WHEREAS, through dedicated leadership and cooperative spirit, Dr. Morley supported the
17 work of the Georgia Board for Physician Workforce to build and establish it as an excellent
18 resource serving the state in managing scarce state resources to guide the work of the medical
19 education system in Georgia; and

20 WHEREAS, Georgia saw substantial improvements take place in its physician workforce,
21 in part through the dedicated efforts of Dr. Morley and the Georgia Board for Physician
22 Workforce.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
2 join in recognizing and commending Dr. Andrew P. Morley, Jr., for his many years of
3 outstanding public service to the State of Georgia.

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. Morley.