

Senate Resolution 87

By: Senators Smith of the 52nd, Thomas of the 54th, Mullis of the 53rd, Pearson of the 51st and Heath of the 31st

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Georgia Department of Human Resources to name the district health office
2 building to be built at Northwest Georgia Regional Hospital in honor of Dr. Raymond F.
3 Corpe; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, during the course of his extraordinary career, Dr. Raymond F. Corpe touched
5 the lives of countless patients as a pioneer of tuberculosis research; and

6 WHEREAS, he graduated from medical school at the University of Illinois College in
7 Chicago, after which he served his country honorably as a commissioned officer of the
8 United States Public Health Service from 1943 to 1952; and

9 WHEREAS, after serving three years as chief of surgery at Battey State Hospital (now
10 known as Northwest Georgia Regional Hospital), he became the hospital's superintendent;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, under his direction, the physicians of Battey State Hospital spearheaded many
13 revolutionary developments in the treatment of tuberculosis, including the discovery of the
14 "Battey Strain" of the deadly disease; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Corpe's research in developing a drug treatment for tuberculosis has
16 allowed those infected with tuberculosis to be treated at home through drug regimens rather
17 than surgery or institutionalization; and

18 WHEREAS, thanks to his able leadership and brilliant contributions as a researcher, his
19 hospital became one of the most renowned tuberculosis treatment centers in the world,
20 serving as a beacon of hope to patients everywhere; and

21 WHEREAS, Dr. Corpe has left an enduring legacy to our children through his noble efforts
22 to make this world a healthier and happier place.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
2 GEORGIA that the members of this body urge the Georgia Department of Human Resources
3 to name the district health office building to be built at Northwest Georgia Regional Hospital
4 in honor of Dr. Raymond F. Corpe.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
6 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Raymond F. Corpe.