

Senate Resolution 241

By: Senators Thomas of the 54th, Goggans of the 7th, Unterman of the 45th and Hill of the 32nd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending the Partnership for Health and Accountability; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the Partnership for Health and Accountability was established in January, 2000,
3 in an effort to bring together hospitals, physicians, nurses, pharmacists, pharmaceutical
4 manufacturers, the business community, policy leaders, and consumers to share data,
5 resources, and expertise to ensure quality care and patient safety; and
- 6 WHEREAS, the Partnership for Health and Accountability is recognized nationally for its
7 leadership in improving quality of care and patient safety and has been the model for other
8 states; and
- 9 WHEREAS, the Partnership provides a forum of discussion and advocacy for data-driven
10 public policy that promotes the use of clinical evidence based best practices, coordination of
11 care, expansion of health care coverage, and access to health services; and
- 12 WHEREAS, the four major components used by the Partnership to support its goals are
13 community involvement, data analysis, reports, and a continuous improvement framework;
14 and
- 15 WHEREAS, as one preventable patient error is one too many, consumers, providers, and the
16 community must work together and be responsible for making improvements in health care;
17 and
- 18 WHEREAS, this year, in honoring its ongoing commitment to equip consumers with
19 valuable quality and pricing information on Georgia hospitals, PHA introduced the landmark
20 Georgia Hospital Price Check and Hospital Quality websites; and

1 WHEREAS, the websites are the first of their kind in Georgia and aim to be the leading
2 source of hospital consumer information in the state, empowering patients and their families
3 to take a more active role in their health care decisions; and

4 WHEREAS, Athens Regional Medical Center of Athens, Emory Healthcare of Atlanta,
5 Grady Memorial Health System of Atlanta, Gwinnett Health System of Lawrenceville,
6 Habersham County Medical of Demorest, Kindred Hospital of Atlanta, Louis Smith
7 Memorial Hospital of Lakeland, Medical Center of Central Georgia of Macon, Monroe
8 County Hospital of Forsyth, Piedmont Fayette Hospital of Fayetteville, Redmond Regional
9 Medical Center of Rome, Roosevelt Warm Springs Institute of Warm Springs, Saint Joseph's
10 Hospital of Atlanta, St. Francis Hospital of Columbus, and St. Joseph's Candler of Savannah
11 have received awards for their outstanding leadership and innovation in quality care and
12 patient safety.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
14 commend the Partnership for Health and Accountability and Athens Regional Medical
15 Center of Athens, Emory Healthcare of Atlanta, Grady Memorial Health System of Atlanta,
16 Gwinnett Health System of Lawrenceville, Habersham County Medical of Demorest,
17 Kindred Hospital of Atlanta, Louis Smith Memorial Hospital of Lakeland, Medical Center
18 of Central Georgia of Macon, Monroe County Hospital of Forsyth, Piedmont Fayette
19 Hospital of Fayetteville, Redmond Regional Medical Center of Rome, Roosevelt Warm
20 Springs Institute of Warm Springs, Saint Joseph's Hospital of Atlanta, St. Francis Hospital
21 of Columbus, and St. Joseph's Candler of Savannah for the exceptional advances they have
22 made in quality of care and patient safety.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
24 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Partnership for Health and
25 Accountability and Athens Regional Medical Center of Athens, Emory Healthcare of
26 Atlanta, Grady Memorial Health System of Atlanta, Gwinnett Health System of
27 Lawrenceville, Habersham County Medical of Demorest, Kindred Hospital of Atlanta, Louis
28 Smith Memorial Hospital of Lakeland, Medical Center of Central Georgia of Macon, Monroe
29 County Hospital of Forsyth, Piedmont Fayette Hospital of Fayetteville, Redmond Regional
30 Medical Center of Rome, Roosevelt Warm Springs Institute of Warm Springs, Saint Joseph's
31 Hospital of Atlanta, St. Francis Hospital of Columbus, and St. Joseph's Candler of Savannah.