

Senate Resolution 481

By: Senators Bulloch of the 11th and Golden of the 8th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Dr. James "Jim" and Carolyn Story on the occasion of the 30th Annual Rose
2 City Run; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia has known few citizens who have contributed more to their
4 community than Dr. James "Jim" and Carolyn Story of Thomasville; and

5 WHEREAS, the name "Heart Break Hill" has a special significance for the thousands of
6 runners from Georgia and throughout the nation that have crossed the finish line of the Rose
7 City Run, an annual footrace event organized by Jim and Carolyn Story; and

8 WHEREAS, in 2002, the Rose City Run was named in the *Running Journal* as the best small
9 community race in America, and each year the race's reputation continues to grow, attracting
10 approximately 2,000 participants annually; and

11 WHEREAS, Jim and Carolyn Story were selected as two of the 10,000 Community Hero
12 Torchbearers for the Centennial Olympics in 1996, and they have received a number of honors
13 for their service as race directors, including the Race Director of the Year Award from the
14 Gulfwind Track Club in 1985 and the Thomasville-Thomas County Chamber of Commerce
15 Man and Woman of the Year Award in 1996; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Jim Story attended Emory University and graduated from the Medical
17 College of Georgia in 1965, where he served on the Honor Council, and he served his country
18 nobly in the First Infantry Division as a Battalion Surgeon in Vietnam; and

19 WHEREAS, he was one of the most highly decorated physicians in the Vietnam conflict,
20 receiving such honors as the Silver Star, Bronze Star, Bronze Star with First Oak Leaf Cluster,
21 the Air Medal, the Soldier's Medal, the Combat Medical Badge, the Vietnam Medal, and the
22 Purple Heart; and

1 WHEREAS, he presented a paper at the Southern Medical Association in 1971 entitled
2 "Ingestion of Mineral Acid," and his writings were published in the February 1974 issue of
3 The American Surgeon; and

4 WHEREAS, in 1972, Jim and Carolyn moved to their beloved Thomasville, where Jim began
5 practicing general surgery with Dr. A. A. Zavaleta; and

6 WHEREAS, since Dr. Jim Story was named President of Archbold Memorial Hospital on
7 October 25, 2000, it has become one of the country's premiere healthcare delivery systems and
8 has acquired such cutting edge technologies as the Gamma Knife and the 64-slice CT scanner,
9 earning the hospital a reputation as a "big city hospital in a small town setting"; and

10 WHEREAS, in 2006, Archbold Medical Center provided more than \$8.8 million in charity
11 care and free work to the citizens of south Georgia and north Florida, and it still managed to
12 achieve one of its best financial years in its 81 years of service; and

13 WHEREAS, Carolyn Marie Story received a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from
14 Tift University, which merged with Mercer University in 1986, and earned her degree as a
15 Registered Nurse at the University Hospital School of Nursing in Augusta; and

16 WHEREAS, Carolyn has actively participated in a number of civic organizations, including
17 the Thomas County Chamber of Commerce Leadership Class, the Thomas Technical Institute
18 Foundation Board of Trustees, the board of the Music and Drama Troupe, the Advisory Board
19 of Directors of SunTrust Bank, the Crippled Children's Clinic, and the American Cancer
20 Society, and she was elected the first female chairperson of the Thomasville Planning and
21 Zoning Board in 1992; and

22 WHEREAS, their dedication to the community is surpassed only by their loving devotion to
23 their children, Shawn Marie and Jamie, and to each other over the course of 43 years of
24 wonderful marriage.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
26 join in recognizing Dr. James "Jim" and Carolyn Story on the occasion of the 30th Annual
27 Rose City Run, commending them for their indefatigable efforts to serve the community, and
28 extending to them their sincerest best wishes for a golden tomorrow.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed to
30 transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. James "Jim" and Carolyn Story.