

Senate Resolution 538

By: Senator Hooks of the 14th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the physicians, staff, and volunteers of Phoebe Putney  
2 Memorial Hospital; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, with the utmost heroism and grace under pressure, the personnel at Phoebe  
4 Putney Memorial Hospital in Albany, Georgia, came to the aid of their fellow Georgians in  
5 Americus during the devastating tornado of March 1, 2007; and

6 WHEREAS, on that evening, Sumter Regional Hospital of Americus received extensive  
7 structural damage from tornado winds in a series of storms that rocked the Southeast,  
8 damaging more than 400 homes and causing at least 20 casualties: nine in Georgia, including  
9 two in Americus, ten in Alabama, and one in Missouri; and

10 WHEREAS, the storm shattered the hospital's windows, overturned cars in the parking lot,  
11 and hurled trees, rocks, and other debris through the air, stripping part of the hospital's facade  
12 from the building; and

13 WHEREAS, employees from Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital, in coordination with  
14 volunteers and first responders from throughout the area, responded with the utmost  
15 professionalism in the face of crisis and reacted with exceptional speed and efficiency to  
16 evacuate and relocate approximately 60 patients that were present at Sumter Regional  
17 Hospital on the night of the storm, three of which were in critical condition; and

18 WHEREAS, Phoebe Putney Memorial and Sumter Regional Hospital employees were aided  
19 by medical personnel from Flint River Hospital in Montezuma and Crisp Regional Hospital  
20 in Cordele who unhesitatingly stepped forward to assist in the evacuation; and

21 WHEREAS, despite the urgency and danger of the situation, every patient was evacuated  
22 successfully due to the indispensable aid of Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital personnel.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
2 join in commending the physicians, staff, and volunteers of Phoebe Putney Memorial  
3 Hospital for their courageous and highly professional performance during the tornado of  
4 March 1, 2007, expressing gratitude for their invaluable service to the State of Georgia and  
5 the United States, and extending to them their sincerest best wishes for the future.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
7 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital.