

Senate Resolution 446

By: Senator Whitehead, Sr. of the 24th

ADOPTED SENATE

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and lifetime achievements of United States Representative Charles
2 Whitlow Norwood, Jr., D.D.S., by recommending that the Medical College of Georgia
3 School of Dentistry be named in his honor; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Charlie Norwood earned his dental degree from Georgetown University Dental
5 School in Washington, D.C., and during the course of his extraordinary career, Dr. Norwood
6 touched the lives of countless patients; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Norwood served as a dental surgeon in the United States Army Dental
8 Corps with the 173rd Airborne Brigade in the Republic of Vietnam, bravely providing dental
9 and emergency medical aid to soldiers and civilians often while under enemy fire, and for
10 his courageous actions he was awarded two Bronze Stars and a Combat Medic Badge; and

11 WHEREAS, during his military career, Charlie Norwood participated in experimental dental
12 practices that are now standard procedure for all the armed forces, including the Army's
13 outreach program that delivers dentists to forward firebases and the provision of some of the
14 first field-based dental treatment of military guard dogs; and

15 WHEREAS, back at home in Augusta, Georgia, Dr. Norwood started his successful private
16 practice career and later established a dental device manufacturing lab; and

17 WHEREAS, while in active practice, Dr. Norwood helped numerous private sector patients
18 including low-income citizens through the Georgia Medicaid program; and

19 WHEREAS, he provided state-wide leadership in dental health as President of the Georgia
20 Dental Association, President of the Eastern District Dental Society, Delegate to the
21 American Dental Association, and Founder of the Augusta Dental Disaster Society; and

1 WHEREAS, his commitment to dentistry and the citizens of this state was further
2 demonstrated by his active membership in the American Dental Association, the Georgia
3 Academy of Dental Society, and the Augusta Dental Society; and

4 WHEREAS, he has received numerous honors and recognitions for his work in dentistry,
5 including being designated an Honorable Fellow of the Georgia Dental Association, a Fellow
6 of the International College of Dentistry, and a Fellow of the American College of Dentistry
7 Sciences; and

8 WHEREAS, compelled by his concern for the future of dental and health care for his fellow
9 citizens, Dr. Charles Norwood sold his dental practice in 1993 so that he could run for
10 Congress; and

11 WHEREAS, in 1994, Charles Whitlow Norwood was elected to Georgia's Tenth District seat
12 where he provided outstanding representation to the people of Georgia until his passing in
13 2007; and

14 WHEREAS, as a Congressman, he fought tirelessly to improve the quality of dental and
15 health care services for all Americans; and

16 WHEREAS, Charles Norwood has left an enduring legacy to all through his noble efforts to
17 make this world a healthier and better place.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
19 urge the Medical College of Georgia to honor the lifetime achievements and legacy of
20 Honorable Charles Whitlow Norwood, Jr., D.D.S, of Augusta, Georgia, by naming the
21 School of Dentistry after this great and honorable man who has contributed much to the
22 dentistry profession and to the State of Georgia and this nation.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
24 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the family of Dr. Charles Norwood and
25 to the Medical College of Georgia.