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House Resolution 1304

By: Representatives Jacobs of the 80<sup>th</sup>, Geisinger of the 48<sup>th</sup>, Lindsey of the 54<sup>th</sup>, Willard of the 49<sup>th</sup>, Martin of the 47<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Urging the Grady Health System to adopt changes to its employee health benefits plan to
- 2 require or encourage its employees to utilize the Grady Health System for primary health
- 3 care; urging Fulton County and DeKalb County to consider changes to their employee health
- 4 benefits plans to encourage their employees to utilize the Grady Health System for primary
- 5 health care; urging the Grady Health System to end its closed staff model and open
- 6 credentialing to community doctors to encourage other insured patients to utilize the services
- 7 of the Grady Health System for primary health care; and for other purposes.
- 8 WHEREAS, the Fulton-DeKalb Hospital Authority operates Grady Memorial Hospital and
- 9 several affiliated clinics which are known together as the Grady Health System; and
- 10 WHEREAS, the Grady Health System is suffering substantial financial losses; and
- 11 WHEREAS, the financial losses experienced by the Grady Health System are in part
- 12 attributable to a patient mix that is largely devoid of insured or paying patients; and
- WHEREAS, the Grady Health System pays approximately \$18 million annually in health
- insurance premiums to provide health care benefits for its over 5,000 employees; and
- 15 WHEREAS, many employees of the Grady Health System rely on physicians not affiliated
- with the Grady Health System for primary health care; and
- 17 WHEREAS, other large hospitals structure their employee health benefits programs to
- 18 require or encourage their employees to utilize the services of the hospital and its physicians
- 19 for primary health care.
- 20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
- 21 the members of this body urge the Grady Health System to adopt changes to its employee
- health benefits plan to require or encourage its employees to utilize the Grady Health System

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1 for primary health care; that Fulton County and DeKalb County to consider changes to their

- 2 employee health benefits plans to encourage their employees to utilize the Grady Health
- 3 System for primary health care; and that the Grady Health System end its closed staff model
- 4 and open credentialing to community doctors to encourage other insured patients to utilize
- 5 the services of the Grady Health System for primary health care.
- 6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 7 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Fulton-DeKalb Hospital
- 8 Authority and the governing authorities of Fulton and DeKalb counties.