

House Resolution 1464

By: Representatives Cooper of the 41st, Sheldon of the 105th, Smith of the 131st, Smith of the 129th, Carter of the 159th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending the Partnership for Health and Accountability; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the Partnership for Health and Accountability (PHA) was established in
3 January, 2000, in an effort to bring together hospitals, physicians, nurses, pharmacists,
4 pharmaceutical manufacturers, the business community, policy leaders, and consumers to
5 share data, 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 and coordination
11 of care; and
- 12 WHEREAS, the four major components used by PHA to support its goals are community
13 involvement, data analysis, reports, and a continuous improvement framework; and
- 14 WHEREAS, as one preventable patient error is one too many, consumers, providers, and the
15 community must work together and be responsible for making improvements in health care;
16 and
- 17 WHEREAS, in honoring its ongoing commitment to equip consumers with valuable quality
18 and pricing information on Georgia hospitals, PHA continues to improve its landmark
19 Georgia Hospital Quality Check and Georgia Hospital Price Check websites by creating an
20 infection prevention section in the Quality Check website; 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, Cartersville Medical Center of Cartersville, Emory Eastside Medical Center of
5 Snellville, Emory Johns Creek Hospital of Duluth, Emory University Hospital of Atlanta,
6 Habersham County Medical Center of Demorest, Hughston Orthopedic Hospital of
7 Columbus, Meadows Regional Medical Center of Vidalia, The Medical Center of Columbus,
8 Monroe County Hospital of Forsyth, North Fulton Regional Hospital of Roswell, Peach
9 Regional Medical Center of Fort Valley, Perry Hospital of Perry, Polk Medical Center of
10 Cedartown, Redmond Regional Medical Center of Rome, Roosevelt Warm Springs Institute
11 for Rehabilitation of Warm Springs, Saint Joseph's Hospital of Atlanta, St. Francis Hospital
12 of Columbus, St. Joseph's and Candler Hospitals of Savannah, and WellStar Cobb Hospital
13 of Austell have received awards for their outstanding leadership and innovation in quality
14 care and patient safety.

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
16 the members of this body commend the Partnership for Health and Accountability and
17 Cartersville Medical Center of Cartersville, Emory Eastside Medical Center of Snellville,
18 Emory Johns Creek Hospital of Duluth, Emory University Hospital of Atlanta, Habersham
19 County Medical Center of Demorest, Hughston Orthopedic Hospital of Columbus, Meadows
20 Regional Medical Center of Vidalia, The Medical Center of Columbus, Monroe County
21 Hospital of Forsyth, North Fulton Regional Hospital of Roswell, Peach Regional Medical
22 Center of Fort Valley, Perry Hospital of Perry, Polk Medical Center of Cedartown, Redmond
23 Regional Medical Center of Rome, Roosevelt Warm Springs Institute for Rehabilitation of
24 Warm Springs, Saint Joseph's Hospital of Atlanta, St. Francis Hospital of Columbus, St.
25 Joseph's and Candler Hospitals of Savannah, and WellStar Cobb Hospital of Austell for the
26 exceptional advances they have made in quality of care and patient safety.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
28 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the above-mentioned
29 organizations.