

## House Resolution 1583

By: Representatives Wilkinson of the 52<sup>nd</sup>, Geisinger of the 48<sup>th</sup>, Lindsey of the 54<sup>th</sup>, and Willard of the 49<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending and honoring Dr. Farrell H. Braziel for his lifetime commitment to the  
2 behavioral health of the citizens of Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Farrell H. Braziel, a graduate of Savannah Country Day School and the  
4 University of Georgia, went on to earn an advanced degree from the Medical College of  
5 Georgia and to serve as the Chief Psychiatric Resident at Northwestern University Hospital;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, he founded Cumberland Psychiatric Group, offering a continuity of care to  
8 patients, where he has worked tirelessly to provide the highest quality of treatment for his  
9 patients; and

10 WHEREAS, he has offered his services to all citizens of Georgia through his participation  
11 as a member of the physician advisory board of Skyland Trail and as a member of the board  
12 of the Georgia chapter of NAMI; and

13 WHEREAS, he has served the adolescents of this community as the medical director of  
14 Ridgeview Institute for a decade, as the psychiatrist providing services to the residents of The  
15 Bridge, and as the founder of a program affiliated with his private practice offering troubled  
16 adolescents and their families a time-out setting where they can continue their education in  
17 a therapeutic environment while making informed decisions about their next steps; and

18 WHEREAS, he has served his professional colleagues as the Region 5 representative to the  
19 American Psychiatric Association, as the chairman of the APA's Electronic Health Records  
20 committee, and as an ad hoc member of Georgia's Healthcare Technology & Transparency  
21 committee; and

22 WHEREAS, he was recognized by his professional colleagues as the Georgia Psychiatric  
23 Physicians Association Psychiatrist of the Year for 2005 and was also previously recognized

1 as Psychiatrist of the Year by CIGNA Behavioral Healthcare for the quality of his work and  
2 his innovative approach to behavioral healthcare; and

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia is privileged to have an esteemed physician and patient  
4 advocate as a member of its medical community.

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
6 the members of this body join in honoring Dr. Farrell H. Braziel for his many years of  
7 dedication to providing excellent medical care to Georgians with behavioral health illnesses  
8 and extend their sincere best wishes for his continued success.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
10 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Farrell H. Braziel.