

Senate Resolution 1151

By: Senators Fort of the 39th and Orrock of the 36th

### A RESOLUTION

1 Urging various measures relating to Grady Memorial Hospital; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Grady Memorial Hospital is operated jointly by the Fulton-DeKalb Hospital  
3 Authority and Emory University; and

4 WHEREAS, a report by the nonpartisan Senate Research Office concluded that Emory  
5 University is financially exploiting Grady Memorial Hospital; and

6 WHEREAS, the report criticizes the billing practices of Emory University, echoing  
7 criticisms made by Grady's auditors and raising concerns that Emory has overcharged Grady  
8 millions of dollars; and

9 WHEREAS, Grady's auditors found that Emory University's billing practices were  
10 "inadequate" to determine whether services billed to Grady by Emory had actually been  
11 performed; and

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13 WHEREAS, the Senate Research Office found that Emory University's billing practices were  
14 "ripe for overcharging and understaffing at Grady's expense"; and

15 WHEREAS, according to the Senate Research Office and Grady's auditors, less than 10  
16 percent of the millions of dollars of faculty time billed to Grady by Emory University are  
17 documented; and

18 WHEREAS, the Senate Research Office found that faculty members from Morehouse School  
19 of Medicine are inexplicably required to submit six times as much documentation as faculty  
20 members of Emory University; and

21 WHEREAS, over 90 percent of the \$60 million that Emory University claims to be owed by  
22 Grady is undocumented and may be for services not actually performed; and

1 WHEREAS, millions of dollars previously paid by Grady to Emory University may be for  
2 services not actually performed; and

3 WHEREAS, the Emory Medical Care Foundation settled a Medicaid fraud investigation in  
4 1998 in which Emory was found to have charged Medicaid for millions of dollars of services  
5 at Grady not actually performed; and

6 WHEREAS, Grady has been forced to cut vital services to the indigent population of  
7 metropolitan Atlanta because of financial losses which may in part be attributable to  
8 overcharges by Emory University.

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
10 urge the Fulton-DeKalb Hospital Authority to demand immediate documentation of all  
11 amounts claimed to be owed by Emory University, to reject any undocumented bills and to  
12 order forensic audits to determine the extent of any overcharges.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body urge Emory University to  
14 forbear, as reparations, any amounts currently claimed to be owed and cooperate with any  
15 forensic audits to determine the extent of any overcharges.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body urge the Fulton-DeKalb  
17 Hospital Authority and Emory University to cease, repudiate and apologize for any  
18 discriminatory practices that may have required faculty members from Morehouse School  
19 of Medicine to submit greater documentation than that required of faculty members from  
20 Emory University.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
22 to send copies of this Resolution to the members of the Fulton-DeKalb Hospital Authority,  
23 the President of Emory University, the Dean of the Emory University School of Medicine  
24 and the Attorney General of the State of Georgia.