

Senate Resolution 1315

By: Senators Ramsey, Sr. of the 43rd, Henson of the 41st, Jones of the 10th and Adelman of the 42nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the South DeKalb Center for Healthy Living; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, organized in 2006, the South DeKalb Center for Healthy Living opened its
4 doors in April of 2007 in Lithonia, Georgia, under the leadership of Executive Director
5 Loretta Patrick and a volunteer staff of ten; and

6 WHEREAS, with a goal of offering free health care to the uninsured and low-income
7 residents of DeKalb and surrounding counties, the South DeKalb Center for Healthy Living
8 was so embraced and utilized by the local community that it needed to move to a larger site
9 after its first year to adequately accommodate the many residents seeking health care; and

10 WHEREAS, in 2008, the center moved just a block from its original location and now has
11 over 300 volunteers and serves more than 2,000 patients a year; and

12 WHEREAS, committed to providing access to quality primary health care and educating
13 communities, the South DeKalb Center for Healthy Living has hosted three on-site
14 community events since the center was established and participates in five outreach events
15 a year that promote a healthier way of living; and

16 WHEREAS, the South DeKalb Center for Healthy Living continues to grow and establish
17 itself as a strong community presence under the guidance of its new executive director,
18 Renee Marie Ranson; and

19 WHEREAS, the South DeKalb Center for Healthy Living stands as a shining example of
20 what can be accomplished when concerned community residents and local businesses join
21 forces to address the needs of a community; and

22 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding work of this fine
23 organization and its numerous contributions to the citizens of DeKalb County and the
24 surrounding communities be appropriately recognized.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
26 recognize the South DeKalb Center for Healthy Living for providing quality health care to
27 the uninsured and underserved residents of DeKalb County, commend its staff and volunteers
28 for their selfless public service to this state, and extend best wishes for continued growth and
29 success.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
31 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the South DeKalb Center for Healthy
32 Living.