

Senate Resolution 162

By: Senators Thomas of the 54th, Unterman of the 45th, Goggans of the 7th, Hill of the 32nd and Hawkins of the 49th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Partnership for Health and Accountability (PHA); and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Partnership for Health and Accountability was established in January, 2000,
4 in an effort to bring together hospitals, physicians, nurses, pharmacists, pharmaceutical
5 manufacturers, the business community, policy leaders, and consumers to share data,
6 resources, and expertise to ensure quality care and patient safety; and

7 WHEREAS, the Partnership for Health and Accountability is recognized nationally for its
8 leadership in improving quality of care and patient safety and has served as a model
9 partnership for other states; and

10 WHEREAS, this partnership provides a forum for discussion and advocacy of data-driven
11 public policy that promotes the use of clinical evidence based care and the coordination of
12 care between providers and doctors; and

13 WHEREAS, the four major components used by the partnership to support its goals are
14 community involvement, data analysis, reports, and a continuous improvement framework;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, one preventable patient error is one too many, and consumers, providers, and
17 the community must work together and be responsible for making improvements in health
18 care; and

19 WHEREAS, in honoring its ongoing commitment to equip consumers with valuable quality
20 and pricing information on Georgia hospitals, PHA continues to improve the landmark
21 Georgia Hospital Quality Check and Georgia Hospital Price Check websites by creating an
22 Infection Prevention section in the Quality Check site; and

23 WHEREAS, these PHA websites are the first of their kind in Georgia and aim to be the
24 leading sources for hospital consumer information in this state to empower patients and their
25 families to take a more active role in their health care decisions; and

26 WHEREAS, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, Emory Crawford Long of Atlanta, Emory
27 Healthcare of Atlanta, Emory University Hospital of Atlanta, Grady Health System of
28 Atlanta, Habersham County Medical Center of Demorest, Hughston Hospital of Columbus,
29 Monroe County Hospital of Forsyth, Mountain Lakes Medical Center of Clayton, North
30 Fulton Regional Hospital of Roswell, Piedmont Newnan Hospital of Newnan, Redmond
31 Regional Medical Center of Rome, Saint Joseph's Health System of Atlanta, St. Francis
32 Hospital of Columbus, Stephens County Hospital of Toccoa, Tift Regional Medical Center
33 of Tifton, WellStar Cobb Hospital of Austell, WellStar Douglas Hospital of Douglasville,
34 and WellStar Health System of Marietta have received awards for their outstanding
35 leadership and innovation in quality of care and patient safety.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this
37 body commend the Partnership for Health and Accountability, Children's Healthcare of
38 Atlanta, Emory Crawford Long of Atlanta, Emory Healthcare of Atlanta, Emory University
39 Hospital of Atlanta, Grady Health System of Atlanta, Habersham County Medical Center of
40 Demorest, Hughston Hospital of Columbus, Monroe County Hospital of Forsyth, Mountain
41 Lakes Medical Center of Clayton, North Fulton Regional Hospital of Roswell, Piedmont
42 Newnan Hospital of Newnan, Redmond Regional Medical Center of Rome, Saint Joseph's
43 Health System of Atlanta, St. Francis Hospital of Columbus, Stephens County Hospital of
44 Toccoa, Tift Regional Medical Center of Tifton, WellStar Cobb Hospital of Austell, WellStar
45 Douglas Hospital of Douglasville, and WellStar Health System of Marietta for the
46 exceptional advances they have made in quality of care and patient safety.

47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
48 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Partnership for Health and
49 Accountability, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, Emory Crawford Long of Atlanta, Emory
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51 Atlanta, Habersham County Medical Center of Demorest, Hughston Hospital of Columbus,
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