

## House Resolution 1332

By: Representatives Dempsey of the 13<sup>th</sup>, Smith of the 70<sup>th</sup>, Anderson of the 117<sup>th</sup>, Shaw of the 176<sup>th</sup>, Harden of the 28<sup>th</sup>, 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, PHA is recognized nationally for its leadership in improving quality of care and  
7 patient safety and has been the model for other states; and
- 8 WHEREAS, PHA provides a forum for discussion and advocacy of data-driven public policy  
9 that promotes the use of clinical evidence-based care every time; and
- 10 WHEREAS, the four major components used by the PHA to support its goals are community  
11 involvement, data analysis, reports, and the use of a continuous improvement framework;  
12 and
- 13 WHEREAS, one preventable patient error is one too many, and consumers, providers, and  
14 the community must work together and be responsible for making improvements in health  
15 care; and
- 16 WHEREAS, in honoring its ongoing commitment to equip consumers with valuable quality  
17 and pricing information on Georgia hospitals, PHA continues to improve the landmark  
18 Georgia Hospital Quality Check and Georgia Hospital Price Check websites by creating an  
19 Infection Prevention section in the Quality Check site; and
- 20 WHEREAS, PHA's websites are the first of their kind in Georgia and aim to be the leading  
21 source of hospital consumer information in this state, empowering patients and their families  
22 to take a more active role in their health care decisions; and

23 WHEREAS, Emory Healthcare of Atlanta, Emory University Hospital Midtown of Atlanta,  
24 Grady General Hospital of Cairo, Gwinnett Health System of Lawrenceville, Habersham  
25 Medical Center of Demorest, Hughston Hospital of Columbus, Louis Smith Memorial  
26 Hospital of Lakeland, Lower Oconee Community Hospital of Glenwood, Piedmont  
27 Healthcare of Atlanta, Piedmont Newnan Hospital, Inc., of Newnan, Redmond Regional  
28 Medical Center of Rome, St. Francis Hospital, Inc., of Columbus, Stephens County Hospital  
29 of Toccoa, University Hospital of Augusta, and WellStar Health System, Inc., of Marietta  
30 have received awards for their outstanding leadership and innovation in quality of care and  
31 patient safety.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
33 the members of this body commend the Partnership for Health and Accountability and the  
34 award winning hospitals of Georgia for the exceptional advances made in quality care and  
35 patient safety.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
37 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Partnership for Health and  
38 Accountability, Emory Healthcare of Atlanta, Emory University Hospital Midtown of  
39 Atlanta, Grady General Hospital of Cairo, Gwinnett Health System of Lawrenceville,  
40 Habersham Medical Center of Demorest, Hughston Hospital of Columbus, Louis Smith  
41 Memorial Hospital of Lakeland, Lower Oconee Community Hospital of Glenwood,  
42 Piedmont Healthcare of Atlanta, Piedmont Newnan Hospital, Inc., of Newnan, Redmond  
43 Regional Medical Center of Rome, St. Francis Hospital, Inc., of Columbus, Stephens County  
44 Hospital of Toccoa, University Hospital of Augusta, and WellStar Health System, Inc., of  
45 Marietta.