

Senate Resolution 994

By: Senators Harbison of the 15th, Thompson of the 33rd, Smith of the 52nd, Tolleson of the 20th, Seabaugh of the 28th 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 SENATE that the members of this body
33 commend the Partnership for Health and Accountability and the award winning hospitals of
34 Georgia for the exceptional advances made in quality care and patient safety.

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