

House Resolution 453

By: Representatives Smyre of the 132nd, Buckner of the 130th, Hugley of the 133rd, Smith of the 131st, and Smith of the 129th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Larry Sanders on the occasion of his retirement; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Larry Sanders has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the
4 vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare
5 of the citizens of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
7 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced
8 dramatically by his 30 years of superlative service with Columbus Regional Healthcare
9 System; and

10 WHEREAS, as chairman and CEO, Mr. Sanders has overseen the formation of Columbus
11 Regional Healthcare System from The Medical Center, a single facility with annual revenue
12 of \$50 million, to a multi-hospital integrated health delivery system with annual revenue of
13 more than \$1 billion; and

14 WHEREAS, during his tenure, the system has increased the number of its facilities and
15 expanded services by acquiring Doctors Hospital and Hughston Hospital, established Spring
16 Harbor as a senior living facility, and created the community's first public-private partnership
17 with the Health and Human Services Center; and

18 WHEREAS, he has overseen the development of Regional Rehabilitation Hospital in Phenix
19 City, the establishment of a dedicated surgeon-driven Regional Trauma Program, and the
20 development of the John B. Amos Cancer Center; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Sanders's significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable
22 patience and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs of the

23 citizens of this state have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and
24 associates; and

25 WHEREAS, he is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
26 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

27 WHEREAS, Mr. Sanders has served with honor and distinction with Columbus Regional
28 Healthcare System, and his vision and unyielding commitment will be sorely missed upon
29 the occasion of his retirement; and

30 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
31 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
33 the members of this body commend Mr. Larry Sanders for his efficient, effective, unselfish,
34 and dedicated service to his community and this state; congratulate him upon his retirement;
35 and extend to him their most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
37 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Larry Sanders.