

House Resolution 676

By: Representatives Rynders of the 152nd, Dukes of the 150th, Fullerton of the 151st, Roberts of the 154th, Cheokas of the 134th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital on the occasion of its 100th anniversary and
2 inviting hospital representatives to be recognized by the House of Representatives; and for
3 other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital and its predecessors have offered 100 years
5 of continuous healthcare service to the residents of Dougherty County and Southwest
6 Georgia; and

7 WHEREAS, over ten decades, tens of thousands of hardworking healthcare professionals,
8 physicians, nurses, and volunteers have devoted themselves to the care and healing of
9 patients; and

10 WHEREAS, as early as 1904, Dr. William L. Davis and Dr. W.P. Rushin, the Ladies
11 Hospital Aid Association, the Ladies at Home, and the good citizens of Albany, Georgia, saw
12 the need for a hospital and rallied support; and

13 WHEREAS, Judge Francis Flagg Putney heeded the call in 1911 and made the founding
14 donation of \$25,000 to establish a hospital to be named for his mother, Phoebe Putney, to
15 be built of brick to withstand fire that would serve all persons in the community, without
16 regard to race or the ability to pay for services; and

17 WHEREAS, in 1941, the Hospital Authority of Albany and Dougherty County was formed
18 to continue the commitment of Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital; and

19 WHEREAS, Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital has achieved several firsts during its first
20 centennial, including open heart surgery, advanced cancer care, and adoption of new
21 technologies; and

22 WHEREAS, in 1990, a restructuring created a true health system and allowed for delivery
23 of services outside of Dougherty County to residents throughout the region; and

24 WHEREAS, the Southwest Georgia Family Medicine Residency Program was established
25 in 1993 to address the shortage of physicians in rural communities, and it serves as the first
26 clinical campus for the Medical College of Georgia and for University of Georgia pharmacy
27 students; and

28 WHEREAS, in 1994, the hospital's high level of care earned designation as a regional
29 perinatal center, providing life-saving critical care to our most vulnerable infants throughout
30 22 surrounding counties; and

31 WHEREAS, Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital is the only hospital in the nation to win three
32 Volunteer Hospitals of America Leadership Awards, earned the prestigious Foster McGaw
33 Prize in 2003 for excellence in community health programs, and provides millions of dollars
34 in charity care and community benefits each year; and

35 WHEREAS, Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital's contribution to the community at large
36 transcends healthcare, and for 100 years, Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital has fulfilled the
37 founders' vision of access to high quality healthcare for the residents of the region.

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
39 the members of this body recognize the numerous contributions of Phoebe Putney Memorial
40 Hospital and invite hospital representatives to be recognized by the House of Representatives
41 at a date and time to be determined by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
43 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Phoebe Putney Memorial
44 Hospital.