

House Resolution 976

By: Representatives Tankersley of the 158th, Parrish of the 156th, Burns of the 157th, Neal of the 1st, Smith of the 168th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Willingway Hospital on their Homecoming celebration; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Willingway Hospital is one of the foremost drug addiction and alcoholism
4 treatment centers in the nation; and

5 WHEREAS, located on a wooded 11-acre campus in Statesboro, Georgia, Willingway
6 Hospital employs caring medical professionals that help people transform their lives from
7 alcohol and drug dependence to the freedom of sobriety and success; and

8 WHEREAS, since its establishment 40 years ago, Willingway Hospital has helped more than
9 20,000 patients recover from alcohol and drug dependency; and

10 WHEREAS, Willingway Hospital began through the efforts of Dr. John and Mrs. Dot
11 Mooney, who both suffered with dependency themselves; and

12 WHEREAS, after their own successful recoveries from addiction, the Mooneys wanted to
13 help others suffering from dependency to change their lives; and

14 WHEREAS, in the early days of the program, the Mooneys opened their own home as a
15 boarding house and drug and alcohol treatment center, with their dining room serving as the
16 in-house detox center; and

17 WHEREAS, the Mooneys opened a licensed hospital in 1971 that retained an extended
18 family atmosphere, and today, their four children, Dr. Al J. Mooney III, Jimmy Mooney, Dr.
19 Bobby Mooney, and Carol Lind Mooney, serve as Willingway's board of directors and are
20 actively involved in maintaining the facility's patient and family-centered approach; and

21 WHEREAS, today, patients of Willingway Hospital receive the highest quality individual
22 alcoholism and drug addiction treatment plans that are tailored to reflect the needs and goals
23 of each patient; and

24 WHEREAS, the private rooms of the facility provide opportunities for writing assignments,
25 personal reflection, and the setting needed for Willingway's unique family program; and

26 WHEREAS, the continuum of care provided at Willingway helps patients get their lives
27 back, and the facility will celebrate a Homecoming celebration from April 29 to May 1 in
28 honor of over 40 years of service.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body commend Willingway Hospital on 40 years of dedicated and caring
31 service to people suffering from alcohol and drug dependency and extend best wishes for a
32 successful and joyous Homecoming celebration.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
34 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Willingway Hospital.