

Senate Resolution 645

By: Senator Rogers of the 21st

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Northside Hospital, Inc., owner and operator of Northside Hospital Cherokee
2 and expressing support for its efforts to build a new state-of-the-art hospital facility in
3 Canton, Georgia; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Northside Hospital, Inc., is a Georgia nonprofit corporation that owns and
5 operates Northside Hospital Cherokee located in Cherokee County, Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, the hospital is the sole acute care hospital located in Cherokee County, a large,
7 rapidly growing area that is the seventh most populous county in Georgia with a population
8 exceeding 225,700 residents; and

9 WHEREAS, the existing hospital facility was constructed nearly 50 years ago and has
10 undergone several renovations and additions since that time; and although the hospital has
11 continued to ensure that high quality health care services continue to be provided, the
12 physical plant is undersized, inefficient, and not configured in a manner to best accommodate
13 state-of-the-art technology or equipment or to grow to meet the future health care needs of
14 the community; and

15 WHEREAS, Northside Hospital, Inc., has selected a parcel of land in Canton, Georgia, for
16 the relocation site for the new hospital which is located along the primary north-south traffic
17 artery in Cherokee County and is suitable for the development of a modern, state-of-the-art
18 hospital facility, related support areas, and a complete medical campus; and

19 WHEREAS, to enhance quality of care while providing more appropriate sized facilities to
20 serve the growing population, it is in the best interests of the residents of Cherokee County
21 to relocate and modernize the hospital at the new Canton site that is easily accessible by
22 residents of the entire county; and

23 WHEREAS, Canton is the county seat of Cherokee County, the center of business,
24 government, and economic development for the county; and

25 WHEREAS, a modern, state-of-the-art hospital will attract medical professionals to the area,
26 create jobs, and enhance the economic development and quality of life for local residents and
27 the citizens of this state; and

28 WHEREAS, Northside Hospital Cherokee filed a determination request with the Department
29 of Community Health, Health Planning Division to confirm that the relocation of the hospital
30 within three miles of its current site is exempt by law from certificate of need review; and

31 WHEREAS, it is appropriate for this body to endorse and encourage the Northside Hospital
32 Cherokee development and support Northside Hospital, Inc., in its endeavors to see the new
33 medical facility that will greatly benefit many Georgians become a reality.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
35 commend Northside Hospital, Inc., and endorse and support Northside Hospital Cherokee's
36 efforts to relocate the hospital to the relocation site in Canton, Georgia.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
38 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Northside Hospital, Inc.