

Senate Resolution 857

By: Senator Unterman of the 45th

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Georgia State University's Legislative Health Policy  
2 Certificate Program and Advanced Health Policy Institute; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Georgia Health Policy Center at Andrew Young School of Policy Studies  
4 at Georgia State University has developed an educational initiative to inform members of the  
5 health community about pressing health related issues; and

6 WHEREAS, with funding from the Robert W. Woodruff Foundation, the Legislative Health  
7 Policy Certificate Program is a four-part course in which legislators and their staff are  
8 instructed on the areas of health care financing, coverage, access to care, and the impact poor  
9 health has upon this state; and

10 WHEREAS, the Advanced Health Policy Institute is a three-part course in which legislators  
11 and their staff who completed the Legislative Health Policy Certificate Program build on  
12 their health policy knowledge in the areas of health care financing, issue framing, systems  
13 thinking, and leadership; and

14 WHEREAS, for the Legislative Health Policy Certificate Program, over 15 state elected  
15 officials and their staff have attended at least one educational session, with seven  
16 Representatives, two Senators, and four staff members completing at least three Legislative  
17 Health Policy Certificate sessions in order to earn certification; and

18 WHEREAS, for the Advanced Health Policy Institute Program, over 15 state elected officials  
19 and their staff have attended at least one educational session, with 11 Representatives, one  
20 Senator, and three staff members completing at least two Advanced Health Policy Institute  
21 sessions in order to earn certification; and

22 WHEREAS, this bipartisan learning environment is led by talented instructors such as  
23 Rachel Ferencik, Dr. Karen J. Minyard, Dr. Mary Beth Walker, Mary Ann Phillips, and

24 Brittney Romanson, who dedicate their time, talent, and energy to educating the leaders of  
25 this state on vital health issues; and

26 WHEREAS, the Legislative Health Policy Certificate Program and Advanced Health Policy  
27 Institute at Georgia State University provide elected officials and their staff with the skills  
28 to make informed decisions on health policy and legislation for the State of Georgia and are  
29 worthy of recognition.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
31 commend Georgia State University's Legislative Health Policy Certificate Program and  
32 Advanced Health Policy Institute for providing high quality education to the leaders of this  
33 state.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
35 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Georgia State University's Andrew  
36 Young School of Policy Studies.