

Senate Resolution 630

By: Senator Harper of the 7th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Georgia Partnership for TeleHealth and recognizing March 1, 2013, as
2 TeleHealth Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Georgia Partnership for TeleHealth was formed to promote improvements in
4 healthcare and healthcare facilities in rural and underserved communities throughout the state
5 by establishing telemedicine programs; and

6 WHEREAS, programs have expanded to include healthcare via telemedicine in health
7 regimens used in nursing homes, school clinics, jails, clinics, emergency rooms, trauma,
8 stroke, primary care, child advocacy, and continuing education; and

9 WHEREAS, Georgia's network includes over 200 specialists who represent over 40
10 specialties; this network saw over 70,000 encounters in 2012; and

11 WHEREAS, Georgia Partnership for TeleHealth currently has 16 school-based telehealth
12 centers in Georgia and, by the end of 2013, will have over 40 in network; and

13 WHEREAS, providing access to healthcare via telemedicine has proven to cut costs on
14 travel, work time, and provides quick access to care; and

15 WHEREAS, school-based clinics are changing lives, lowering the cost of care, and
16 decreasing the number of emergency room visits; and

17 WHEREAS, Georgia Partnership for TeleHealth is making great strides in helping to better
18 secure fast and effective healthcare to the citizens of this state, and it is abundantly fitting and
19 proper that this organization be recognized.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
21 commend Georgia Partnership for TeleHealth on its commitment to the citizens of Georgia
22 and recognize March 1, 2013, as TeleHealth Day at the state capitol.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
24 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Georgia Partnership for TeleHealth.