

## Senate Resolution 827

By: Senators Stone of the 23rd, Jackson of the 24th, Davis of the 22nd and Burke of the 11th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the Medical College of Georgia at Georgia Regents University, this state's only  
2 public medical school and the founding college of Georgia Regents University; and for other  
3 purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the Medical College of Georgia is dedicated to innovative medical education,  
5 cutting edge research, and quality patient care and continues to expand its state-wide  
6 footprint to meet the growing need for physicians in Georgia with students living and  
7 learning across this vast state; and

8 WHEREAS, a second four-year campus in Athens in partnership with the University of  
9 Georgia begun in 2010 now has 160 medical students, with the first group of 40 students  
10 graduating in May; and

11 WHEREAS, the Medical College of Georgia clinical campus based in Savannah/Brunswick  
12 started in 2007 now has 42 medical students living and learning in that area of this state; and

13 WHEREAS, the Medical College of Georgia started a campus based in Albany in 2005 and  
14 now has 17 residential students and over 200 transitional student rotations per year in  
15 Southwest Georgia; and

16 WHEREAS, the newest campus was launched in Rome in July, 2013, with seven medical  
17 students and the goal of at least doubling that number by 2015; and

18 WHEREAS, the Medical College of Georgia offers clinical education training for medical  
19 students with physicians in approximately 135 sites across this state, providing medical  
20 students with experience across the full spectrum of medicine; and

21 WHEREAS, the Medical College of Georgia also is working diligently to support expansion  
22 of graduate medical education throughout this state; and

23 WHEREAS, J. Harold Harrison, MD, a graduate of the Class of 1948, posthumously donated  
24 in April, 2013, \$66 million for endowed faculty chairs and professorships and medical  
25 student scholarships at the Medical College of Georgia, the largest single gift to a public  
26 university in the history of public universities in Georgia; and

27 WHEREAS, the Medical College of Georgia continues to serve as an economic engine with  
28 more than \$79 million in research grants, up 15 percent from the previous year, including a  
29 \$10 million National Institute of Health TEDDY (the Environmental Determinants of  
30 Diabetes in the Young) grant renewal and an \$8.8 million National Institute of Health Heart,  
31 Lung, and Blood Institute grant; and

32 WHEREAS, out of 139 United States medical schools, the Medical College of Georgia  
33 placed 66th in the annual ranking of National Institute of Health funding by the Blue Ridge  
34 Institute for Medical Research in 2013, up from 71st last year, and currently ranks seventh  
35 in the nation and first in Georgia for American Heart Association funding; and

36 WHEREAS, there are 10,052 alumni of the Medical College of Georgia throughout the  
37 United States with 4,788 in Georgia; and

38 WHEREAS, under the leadership of Georgia Regents University President Ricardo Azziz  
39 and Medical College of Georgia Dean Peter F. Buckley, the Medical College of Georgia  
40 serves as a strong advocate for the health of Georgians.

41 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
42 recognize the Medical College of Georgia at Georgia Regents University, this state's only  
43 public medical school and the founding college of Georgia Regents University, for its many  
44 years of dedicated service to the health needs of Georgia's citizens.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
46 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Medical College of Georgia at  
47 Georgia Regents University.