

## House Resolution 1187

By: Representatives Sims of the 123<sup>rd</sup>, Howard of the 124<sup>th</sup>, Frazier of the 126<sup>th</sup>, Prince of the 127<sup>th</sup>, Smith of the 125<sup>th</sup>, and others

## 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 inviting  
3 the representatives of the Medical College of Georgia at Georgia Regents University to be  
4 recognized by the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

42 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
43 the members of this body recognize the Medical College of Georgia at Georgia Regents  
44 University, this state's only public medical school and the founding college of Georgia  
45 Regents University, for its many years of dedicated service to the health needs of Georgia's  
46 citizens, and invite the representatives of the Medical College of Georgia at Georgia Regents  
47 University to be recognized by the House of Representatives on a date and time designated  
48 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
50 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Medical College of  
51 Georgia at Georgia Regents University.