

## House Resolution 1857

By: Representatives Dawkins-Haigler of the 91<sup>st</sup>, Stephenson of the 90<sup>th</sup>, Anderson of the 92<sup>nd</sup>, and Dickerson of the 113<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Helping Hands Outreach Clinic and the Helping Hands  
2 Free Health Clinic; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Janice and Tolbert Morris founded the Helping Hands Outreach Clinic in 2001,  
4 fulfilling a dream to serve the unmet basic health care needs of indigent and uninsured  
5 residents in Rockdale County; and

6 WHEREAS, together with volunteers, minimal staff, partnerships with medical providers,  
7 and donations from local businesses, the clinic provides a wide range of services, including  
8 basic health care services, preventive and patient education, referrals, health fairs,  
9 prescription assistance, and diagnostics; and

10 WHEREAS, the clinic has become a beacon in its community and a model for success for  
11 Georgia's free clinics, servicing more than 7,000 patients over the past 11 years; and

12 WHEREAS, the Helping Hands Free Health Clinic (HHFHC) was created in 2005 to provide  
13 access to quality health care services to uninsured and underinsured, low-income county  
14 residents; and

15 WHEREAS, HHFHC understands that health care is critical to keeping many patients from  
16 developing more serious conditions that are far more costly and difficult to address, as well  
17 as to relieve the burden on emergency room visits; and

18 WHEREAS, the clinic provides services that prevent illness through health screenings;  
19 provide health education and encourage lifestyle modifications that promote wellness;  
20 increase positive outcomes in patients with chronic diseases by providing regular screenings  
21 and aggressive case management; and impact the use of local emergency room department

22 by providing primary care services during evening and weekend hours to community  
23 residents; and

24 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of these  
25 remarkable organizations be appropriately recognized.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
27 the members of this body recognize and commend the Helping Hands Outreach Clinic and  
28 the Helping Hands Free Health Clinic for their services to the citizens of this state.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
30 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Helping Hands Outreach  
31 Clinic and the Helping Hands Free Health Clinic.