

House Resolution 616

By: Representatives Greene of the 151st, Rynders of the 152nd, Cooper of the 43rd, and Ealum of the 153rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the 10th anniversary of the Southwest Campus of the Medical College of
2 Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Southwest Campus, based at Phoebe Putney Memorial Health in Albany,
4 is the inaugural regional campus for the Medical College of Georgia at Georgia Regents
5 University and will celebrate its 10th anniversary on July 1, 2015; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Iqbal Khan, Dr. William Guest, Dr. George Chastain, and Dr. Granville
7 Simmons have each served as Dean of the Southwest Campus of the Medical College of
8 Georgia (MCG) at Georgia Regents University; and

9 WHEREAS, the campus was made possible by MCG's state-wide vision and a significant
10 investment by Phoebe Putney Memorial Health, including 4,000 square feet of space on its
11 campus with student classrooms, study areas, conference and teleconferencing abilities, and
12 administrative offices; and

13 WHEREAS, the community clinical faculty members dedicate their time and expertise to the
14 practice of medicine and give unselfishly to MCG students' clinical education; and

15 WHEREAS, the Southwest Georgia Area Health Education Centers support students by
16 providing housing for students who study at the campus; and

17 WHEREAS, the Albany medical community, including many supportive MCG alumni, has
18 availed itself of the growth of medical education in Southwest Georgia; and

19 WHEREAS, the campus launched a Rural Health Scholars program this year to train students
20 interested in serving rural communities; and

21 WHEREAS, the Physician Leadership and Advocacy Certificate Program is offered
22 exclusively to MCG's Southwest Georgia students; and

23 WHEREAS, the campus is currently home to 19 residential students, provides over 200
24 transitional student rotations per year in Southwest Georgia, and has teaching sites in
25 Valdosta, Tifton, Thomasville, Americus, Moultrie, and Cordele; and

26 WHEREAS, the Richard King Mellon Foundation gave \$1 million to Phoebe Putney
27 Memorial Health to build student housing for medical students completing rotations in
28 Southwest Georgia.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body recognize and commend the Southwest Campus of the Medical
31 College of Georgia for ten years of excellence in clinical medical education.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Dr.
34 Granville Simmons.