

Senate Resolution 519

By: Senators Burke of the 11th, Kirk of the 13th, Jones II of the 22nd, Stone of the 23rd, Cowsert of the 46th and others

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 Health System in Albany, is
4 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 served as leaders of the Southwest Campus of the Medical College of Georgia
8 at Georgia Regents University; and

9 WHEREAS, the Southwest Campus was made possible by the state-wide vision of the
10 Medical College of Georgia and a significant investment by Phoebe Putney Health System,
11 including 4,000 square feet of space on its campus with student classrooms, study areas,
12 conference and teleconferencing abilities, and 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 the clinical education of Medical College of
15 Georgia students; and

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

18 WHEREAS, the Albany medical community, including many supportive Medical College
19 of Georgia alumni, has availed itself of the growth of medical education in Southwest
20 Georgia; and

21 WHEREAS, the Southwest Campus launched a Rural Health Scholars program this year to
22 train students interested in serving rural communities; and

23 WHEREAS, the Physician Leadership and Advocacy Certificate Program is offered
24 exclusively to Medical College of Georgia students at the Southwest Campus; and

25 WHEREAS, the Southwest Campus is currently home to 19 residential students and provides
26 over 200 transitional student rotations per year throughout the region with teaching sites in
27 Valdosta, Tifton, Thomasville, Americus, Moultrie, and Cordele; and

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

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
32 recognize and commend the Southwest Campus of the Medical College of Georgia at
33 Georgia Regents University for ten years of excellence in clinical medical education.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
35 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Dr. Granville
36 Simmons.