

House Resolution 134

By: Representatives Parrish of the 158th, Ralston of the 7th, England of the 116th, Jones of the 47th, Gardner of the 57th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending and recognizing A.D. "Pete" Correll for his unparalleled philanthropy in the
2 Atlanta community and beyond; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Pete Correll was born in Brunswick, Georgia, on April 28, 1941, and he
4 launched the campaign to save Grady in 2006; and

5 WHEREAS, known for his no-nonsense manner, business acumen, and huge smile, this
6 native Georgian saved a 125 year old health care institution from closing its doors; and

7 WHEREAS, he led the charge by rallying friends, elected officials, and community and civic
8 leaders who together saved Grady; and

9 WHEREAS, Pete Correll and his beloved wife, Ada Lee Correll, co-founded the Grady
10 White Coat Gala which has now raised more than \$6 million for Grady Health System; and

11 WHEREAS, in 2008, he became the inaugural chairman of the Grady Memorial Hospital
12 Corporation; and

13 WHEREAS, his leadership led not only to keeping the doors of Grady open but led Grady
14 to flourish and thrive in a way never seen over its 125 year history; and

15 WHEREAS, he unified a formerly divided community into one committed to Grady and
16 those it serves; and

17 WHEREAS, Pete Correll, like no other, understands that Georgia cannot live without Grady;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, he has received innumerable recognitions and awards for his tireless work on
20 behalf of others, especially the poor and underserved; and

21 WHEREAS, during his tenure as chairman, the vision for the Correll Cardiac Center, the
22 Marcus Stroke and Neuroscience Center, and the Marcus Trauma and Emergency Center
23 became reality; and

24 WHEREAS, he retired as Grady Hospital Corporation Chairman on September 12, 2016; and

25 WHEREAS, Pete Correll has improved and positively influenced the lives of all the patients,
26 families, staff, and community members who walk through the doors of Grady Health
27 System, and it is fitting and proper to call him not only a beloved native son but an Atlanta
28 Hero; and

29 WHEREAS, the only community treasure equal to or greater than Pete Correll himself is the
30 community treasure known simply as "Grady."

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
32 the members of this body commend and recognize A.D. "Pete" Correll for his outstanding
33 career and public service and wish him many more years of success and happiness.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
35 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to A.D.
36 "Pete" Correll.