

House Resolution 227

By: Representatives Parrish of the 158th, Ralston of the 7th, Jones of the 47th, Gardner of the 57th, and Burns of the 159th

A RESOLUTION

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

3 WHEREAS, A.D. "Pete" Correll was born in Brunswick, Georgia, on April 28, 1941, and
4 has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that he has played in
5 leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, in 2007, this native Georgian launched the campaign to save Grady Hospital
7 using his well-known no-nonsense manner, business acumen, and huge smile to prevent the
8 125 year old health care institution from closing its doors; and

9 WHEREAS, Pete Correll led the charge by rallying friends, elected officials, and community
10 and civic leaders who together saved Grady; and

11 WHEREAS, he and his beloved wife, Ada Lee Correll, co-founded the Grady White Coat
12 Gala, which has now raised more than \$6 million for Grady Health System, and in 2008, he
13 became the inaugural chairman of the Grady Memorial Hospital Corporation, where he
14 served until his retirement on September 12, 2016; and

15 WHEREAS, Pete Correll, like no other, understands that "Georgia Can't Live Without
16 Grady," and his leadership not only kept the doors of Grady open but also helped it to
17 flourish and thrive in a way never before seen in its 125 year history, unifying a formerly
18 divided community into one committed to Grady and those it serves; and

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

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

24 WHEREAS, the only community treasure equal to or greater than Pete Correll himself is the
25 community treasure known simply as "Grady"; and

26 WHEREAS, A.D. "Pete" Correll has improved and positively influenced the lives of all
27 patients, families, staff, and community members who walk through the doors of Grady
28 Health System, making it abundantly fitting and proper to call him not only a beloved native
29 son but also an Atlanta hero.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
31 the members of this body recognize and commend A.D. "Pete" Correll for his outstanding
32 career and public service, congratulate him upon the grand occasion of his retirement, and
33 extend the most sincere best wishes for continued 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.