

House Resolution 905

By: Representatives Price of the 48th, Silcox of the 52nd, Cooper of the 43rd, Knight of the 130th, and Newton of the 123rd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing January 31, 2018, as Physician's Day at the state capitol and saluting the
2 physicians of Georgia; and for other purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, Georgia physicians are trusted leaders who have a positive and lasting impact
4 on the health of their patients and the health of their community as a whole; and
- 5 WHEREAS, physicians also critically support the health of their local and state economies
6 through the creation of jobs with their related wages and benefits, the purchase of goods and
7 services, and large-scale support of state and local tax revenues; and
- 8 WHEREAS, the Georgia legislature has helped foster one of the strongest practice
9 environments in the country for both patients and physicians; and
- 10 WHEREAS, physicians have entered into their profession to offer services of care,
11 prevention, and surgical intervention when necessary for the physical and mental well-being
12 of their patients and are concerned with the overall well-being of the public's health; and
- 13 WHEREAS, physicians are committed to providing the highest level of care for their patients
14 in spite of challenges they are facing from the insurance industry, including prior
15 authorizations, rate setting practices, unequal contract negotiations, and depressed
16 reimbursement rates; and
- 17 WHEREAS, Georgia physicians are a vital part of the community and the state, with more
18 than 19,000 physicians licensed to practice medicine in the state and accounting for more
19 than 88,000 direct jobs, 117,000 indirect jobs, and 205,000 total jobs; and
- 20 WHEREAS, Georgia physicians support 10.8 jobs on average (including their own); and

21 WHEREAS, Georgia physicians are strong contributors to the Georgia economy, accounting
22 for \$29.7 billion of total sales and revenue generated by the health care industry, more than
23 \$16.6 billion of total wages and benefits supported by the physician industry, and \$1.1 billion
24 in local and state tax revenue; and

25 WHEREAS, this state recognizes the Medical Association of Georgia, and several specialty
26 societies including the Georgia Society of Anesthesiologists, Georgia State Medical
27 Association, Georgia Society of Ophthalmology, Georgia Society of Clinical Oncology,
28 Georgia Orthopaedic Society, Georgia Psychiatric Physicians Association, Georgia
29 Radiological Society, Georgia Society of Dermatology and Dermatologic Surgery, Georgia
30 Chapter of the American College of Surgeons, American College of Cardiology, Georgia
31 Society of Ambulatory Surgery Centers, Hall County Medical Society, and Resurgens
32 Orthopaedics for their contributions.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
34 the members of this body join in recognizing January 31, 2018, as Physician's Day at the
35 state capitol and saluting the physicians of Georgia.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
37 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
38 public and the press.