

House Resolution 918

By: Representatives Efstration of the 104th, Chandler of the 105th, Harrell of the 106th, Casas of the 107th, and Brockway of the 102nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Gwinnett Medical Center Concussion Institute; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Gwinnett Medical Center Concussion Institute was opened in 2013 in order
4 to address the critical health care crisis presented by concussions; and

5 WHEREAS, traumatic brain injury and concussions are occurring at epidemic levels, with
6 as many as 3.8 million sports and recreation related concussions occurring annually; and

7 WHEREAS, the Gwinnett Medical Center Concussion Institute was the first and remains the
8 only comprehensive concussion care center in the Southeast today; and

9 WHEREAS, the Concussion Institute provides a true state-of-the-art, multidisciplinary
10 program offering neurology, neuropsychology, vestibular and ocular therapies, sports
11 psychology, Return to Play exertion protocols, and Return to Learn/Work accommodation
12 services to ensure the best outcomes; and

13 WHEREAS, in just four years, the Concussion Institute has treated more than 8,500
14 concussions via their clinic and school based treatment facilities, caring for athletes at the
15 recreational, club, high school, collegiate, and professional levels, in addition to thousands
16 of citizens from all walks of life; and

17 WHEREAS, the Concussion Institute works in partnership with the NFL Players Association
18 to offer state-of-the-art concussion care for current and former NFL athletes; and

19 WHEREAS, there is a dire need to educate our communities about concussions, and the
20 Concussion Institute offers hundreds of educational programs annually to meet this need; and

21 WHEREAS, in 2018, the Concussion Institute, in partnership with the Department of Public
22 Health and Georgia Partnership for Telehealth, will pilot the first concussion telemedicine
23 program in Georgia so as to expand such care to underserved areas of the state; and

24 WHEREAS, the Concussion Institute is nationally renowned for its best practices and model
25 program and has become a destination health care center for sports medicine and concussion
26 care that people all across the country seek.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
28 the members of this body recognize and commend Gwinnett Medical Center Concussion
29 Institute for its many valuable contributions to the safety and health of our citizens.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
31 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
32 Gwinnett Medical Center Concussion Institute.