

## House Resolution 978

By: Representatives Cooper of the 43<sup>rd</sup>, Hatchett of the 150<sup>th</sup>, Price of the 48<sup>th</sup>, Silcox of the 52<sup>nd</sup>, and Jasperse of the 11<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Georgia State University's Legislative Health Policy  
2 Certificate Program and Advanced Health Policy Institute; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Georgia Health Policy Center at the Andrew Young School of Policy  
4 Studies at Georgia State University has developed an educational initiative to inform  
5 members of the health community about pressing health-related issues; and

6 WHEREAS, with funding from the Robert W. Woodruff Foundation, the Legislative Health  
7 Policy Certificate Program is a four-part course in which legislators and their staff are  
8 instructed on the areas of health financing, coverage, access to care, and the impact poor  
9 health has upon this state; and

10 WHEREAS, 34 state elected officials and their staff have attended at least one educational  
11 session, with nine representatives, three senators, and six staff members completing at least  
12 three Legislative Health Policy Certificate sessions in order to earn certification; and

13 WHEREAS, in 2017, Georgia State University conducted the Advanced Health Policy  
14 Institute to expand the opportunities for learning, and 19 state elected officials and their staff  
15 have attended at least one educational session and five representatives and one senator  
16 attended both sessions of the advanced program in order to receive commendation; and

17 WHEREAS, the Georgia Health Policy Center commends the senators, representatives, and  
18 staffers who dedicated their time and energy to the bipartisan learning on vital health issues;  
19 and

20 WHEREAS, the following Representatives and staff are receiving certificates for the  
21 Legislative Health Policy Certificate Program: Representative Demetrius Douglas,  
22 Representative Buddy Harden, Representative Michele Henson, Representative Derrick  
23 Jackson, Representative Billy Mitchell, Representative Betty Price, Representative Terry

24 Rogers, Representative Dexter Sharper, Representative Deborah Silcox, Mr. Leonel  
25 Chancey, and Mr. John Powell; and

26 WHEREAS, the following Representatives and staff are receiving commendation for  
27 attending two out of two sessions of the Advanced Health Policy Institute: Representative  
28 Pat Gardner, Representative Karen Mathiak, Representative Betty Price, Representative  
29 Deborah Silcox, Representative Mable Thomas, and Ms. Tara Boockholdt; and

30 WHEREAS, the Legislative Health Policy Certificate Program and the Advanced Health  
31 Policy Institute at Georgia State University provides elected officials and their staff with the  
32 opportunity to make informed decisions on health policy and legislation for the State of  
33 Georgia and is worthy of recognition.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
35 the members of this body commend Georgia State University's Legislative Health Policy  
36 Certificate Program for providing high quality education to the leaders of this state.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
38 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to  
39 Georgia State University's Andrew Young School of Policy Studies.