

House Resolution 1193

By: Representatives Drenner of the 85th and Henson of the 86th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending the Physicians' Care Clinic for providing medical care to
- 2 DeKalb County's uninsured residents for 25 years; and for other purposes.

- 3 WHEREAS, the Physicians' Care Clinic (PCC) is the oldest, largest, volunteer-led, charitable
- 4 clinic in DeKalb County and will celebrate its twenty-fifth anniversary on February 10, 2018;
- 5 and

- 6 WHEREAS, the clinic's mission is to provide DeKalb County's low-income, uninsured adults
- 7 with access to quality, comprehensive, nonemergency medical care that is delivered with
- 8 excellence in a compassionate and dignified manner; and

- 9 WHEREAS, this nonprofit organization was founded initially by the DeKalb Medical
- 10 Society in 1993 and has grown steadily over the years, handling more than 50,000 patient
- 11 encounters over the course of its 25 year history of serving adults who live below the 150th
- 12 percentile of the federal poverty level and do not qualify for Medicaid; and

- 13 WHEREAS, PCC offers nonemergency, comprehensive medical care, including diagnostic
- 14 testing; access to pharmaceuticals, health management supplies, and primary care physicians;
- 15 health education and prevention services; and referrals to medical specialists; and

- 16 WHEREAS, approximately 267 clinic volunteers work together alongside a small group of
- 17 staff members in order to make the PCC possible; and

- 18 WHEREAS, physicians, nurses, pharmacists, other medical professionals, and lay people
- 19 volunteered 4,471 hours of their time in 2016 in order to provide patients with medical care
- 20 and prevention and education services; and

- 21 WHEREAS, most clinic patients have nowhere to turn for their primary health care, save the
- 22 emergency room, but PCC serves the working poor, the unemployed, those with very low

23 income, those who are in transition, and immigrants and refugees who are in the process of
24 settling in DeKalb County by offering them affordable health care options that cater to their
25 current economic situations; and

26 WHEREAS, PCC provides a much needed health care safety net and medical home to this
27 vulnerable population and maintains strong support from the DeKalb Medical Society,
28 DeKalb Medical, and the DeKalb County Board of Health; and

29 WHEREAS, PCC board members for 2017 included Scott Arant, Duane Barclay, Michael
30 Baron, Diana Evans Berman, Gary Botstein, Melissa Connor, Andrew Dixon, Kay Entrekin,
31 J.W. Hank Holderfield, Kenneth Hoose, Beverly Hutchinson, John Kennedy, Stephen Leff,
32 Rannan Pritzker, Adam Schnepp, Dan Silverboard, Mark Stern, and Roy Vandiver; and

33 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the exemplary efforts of the Physician's
34 Care Clinic and its staff to maintain the health of the uninsured citizens of Georgia be
35 appropriately recognized.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
37 the members of this body recognize and commend the Physicians' Care Clinic on the grand
38 occasion of its twenty-fifth anniversary.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
40 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
41 Physicians' Care Clinic.