

Senate Resolution 209

By: Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Burke of the 11th, Orrock of the 36th, James of the 35th, Martin of the 9th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Grady Memorial Hospital for its commitment to improving the health of our
2 community through its provision of the highest level of medical care and its advocacy for
3 improving the health and quality of life for citizens of Metro Atlanta and Georgia through
4 injury and violence prevention; and for other purposes.

5 WHEREAS, Grady Memorial Hospital has metro Atlanta's only American College of
6 Surgeons verified Level 1 Trauma Center, is Georgia's busiest trauma center, and is
7 recognized nationally and internationally for its expert trauma care; and

8 WHEREAS, Grady's commitment to saving lives reaches beyond the hospital, as evidenced
9 by the launch of its new violence intervention program: PIVOT Atlanta – the Program to
10 Interrupt Violence through Outreach and Treatment; and

11 WHEREAS, Grady's trauma team physicians, led by champion Dr. Diane Payne, an Emory
12 University assistant professor of Orthopaedic Surgery, collaborated to bring the PIVOT
13 Atlanta initiative to Grady; and

14 WHEREAS, Grady's trauma team physicians alongside support staff are working to break
15 the cycle of gun violence in Atlanta neighborhoods, where shooting victims face a high risk
16 of being victims again; and

17 WHEREAS, Grady's trauma physicians and staff, through the Bureau of Justice Assistance's
18 Strategies for Policing Innovation, are working in partnership with law enforcement and
19 researchers to create a hospital-based violence prevention program to reduce the likelihood
20 of violent trauma re-victimization; and

21 WHEREAS, PIVOT Atlanta focuses on preventing repeat gunshot victimization and
22 retaliatory violence through wraparound social services, community policing, and data
23 sharing; and

24 WHEREAS, PIVOT Atlanta participants receive direct staff support to obtain assistance with
25 mentoring, housing, employment, and crisis intervention; and

26 WHEREAS, PIVOT Atlanta dedicated, community-oriented police officers work to reduce
27 the burden of violence in targeted communities by building trust with citizens, increasing
28 their participation in solving gun crime, and addressing issues that put both an individual and
29 a neighborhood at risk of further violence.

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31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
32 commend Grady Memorial Hospital for its work to reduce gun violence, provide care and
33 services to the victims of violence, and make the Atlanta community a healthier and safer
34 place to live, and commend the Atlanta Police Department for its collaborative response with
35 Grady Memorial Hospital to interrupt gun violence.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
37 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Grady Memorial
38 Hospital.