

Senate Resolution 248

By: Senators Burke of the 11th, Wilkinson of the 50th, Ginn of the 47th, Harrell of the 40th, Payne of the 54th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 28, 2019, as Patient-Centered Physicians Coalition of Georgia Day
2 and the importance of an adequate workforce of primary care and maternity care physicians
3 in our state; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the Patient-Centered Physicians Coalition of Georgia, founded in 2009, includes
5 the American Academy of Pediatrics – Georgia Chapter, American College of Physicians –
6 Georgia Chapter, Georgia Academy of Family Physicians, Georgia OBGyn Society, and the
7 Georgia Osteopathic Medical Association; and

8 WHEREAS, the five medical associations listed above comprise more than 10,000
9 physicians in Georgia who practice in the specialties of family medicine, internal medicine,
10 OB-Gyn, and pediatrics and deliver the vast majority of primary care and maternity care to
11 the citizens of our state, from newborns to senior citizens and all ages in between, in both
12 rural and urban settings; and

13 WHEREAS, the coalition was created with the goal of finding solutions to common issues
14 shared by primary care physicians in Georgia, including increasing access to care, improving
15 quality and innovation in primary care delivery, graduate medical education and increasing
16 the number of physicians in these specialties, and other areas; and

17 WHEREAS, physicians who practice in primary care are the foundation of our medical care
18 system and their role includes health promotion, disease prevention, health maintenance,
19 counseling, patient education, diagnosis, treatment, and management of acute and chronic
20 illnesses.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
22 recognize February 28, 2019, as Patient-Centered Physicians Coalition of Georgia Day at the
23 state capitol and further acknowledge the important role that the physicians in these primary
24 and maternal care specialties play in the lives of all the citizens of our great state.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
26 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the
27 press.