

Senate Resolution 127

By: Senators Au of the 48th, Butler of the 55th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Parent of the 42nd, Miller of the 49th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending workers of the Department of Public Health for their service
2 and diligence through the pandemic; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Department of Public Health is composed of 159 local county boards of
4 health and 18 public health districts that have risen to the occasion and delivered an
5 unprecedented level of service to their communities; and

6 WHEREAS, the Department of Public Health is composed of more than 6,000 expert
7 employees working in health promotion and disease prevention, maternal and child health,
8 infectious disease and immunization, environmental health, epidemiology, emergency
9 preparedness and response, emergency medical services, pharmacy, nursing, the Office of
10 Health Equity, vital records, and the Georgia Public Health Laboratory; and

11 WHEREAS, the Department of Public Health's COVID-19 workforce now exceeds 1,560
12 employees spanning responsibilities including epidemiology, vaccination, contact tracing,
13 case investigation, and testing; and

14 WHEREAS, the Department of Public Health has been under incredible strain over the last
15 year and has been chronically underfunded over the last decade; and

16 WHEREAS, the Department of Public Health has nevertheless maintained robust public
17 health infrastructure in a timely and efficient manner; and

18 WHEREAS, the department's efforts will continue to guide our state through the uncertainty
19 of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

20 WHEREAS, the department's employees serve as a shining example of the best of Georgia's
21 state employees, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that their outstanding
22 accomplishments be appropriately recognized.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
24 recognize and commend the Department of Public Health and local county health
25 departments for their selfless devotion to service and extend sincere gratitude for keeping
26 Georgians healthy and safe.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
28 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the Department of
29 Public Health and its employees.