

House Resolution 1658

By: Representative Marin of the 96th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Gerardo L. Sotomayor; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Gerardo L. Sotomayor has long been recognized by the citizens of this state
3 for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the
4 welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, following his relocation to Atlanta in 1984 with his wife, Vivian, Dr.
6 Sotomayor started his private practice, contributed to the education departments at Northside
7 Hospital and St. Joseph Hospital, and taught as a clinical professor at Georgia Baptist
8 Hospital; and

9 WHEREAS, as a defender of bioethics and the dignity of human life, he has established the
10 nonprofit organization Babies For Life, played an instrumental role in the passage of the
11 Save the Cure Act, and contributed to the creation of a network of umbilical cord, blood, and
12 placenta collection sites in the Americas and Europe; and

13 WHEREAS, he has further published a casebook for surgeons detailing how to use the stem
14 cells obtained from donor placentas as well as the regenerative advances seen throughout the
15 last several years; and

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16 WHEREAS, this distinguished gentleman has given inspiration to many through his high
17 ideals, morals, and deep concern for his fellow citizens, and he possesses the vast wisdom
18 which only comes through experience and the strength of character which is achieved
19 through overcoming the many challenges of life; and

20 WHEREAS, Dr. Sotomayor is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable
21 reputation for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

22 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
23 remarkable and distinguished individual be appropriately recognized.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
25 the members of this body recognize and commend Dr. Gerardo L. Sotomayor for his many
26 outstanding career accomplishments and extend the most sincere best wishes for continued
27 health and happiness.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
29 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Dr.
30 Gerardo L. Sotomayor.