

Senate Resolution 53

By: Senators Jackson of the 41st, Halpern of the 39th, Jones II of the 22nd, Parent of the 44th, Merritt of the 9th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Children's Healthcare of Atlanta upon the opening of the new Arthur M. Blank
2 Hospital; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta is the only freestanding pediatric healthcare
4 system in Georgia serving patients from all 159 counties with a mission to make kids better
5 today and healthier tomorrow as well as offering more than 60 pediatric specialties and
6 programs, top healthcare professionals, and leading research and technology; and

7 WHEREAS, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta operates 789 licensed beds across three
8 hospitals, the Marcus Autism Center, the Center for Advanced Pediatrics, eight urgent care
9 centers, and numerous neighborhood locations with more than 14,000 employees, including
10 over 4,400 nurses and 2,300 physicians; and

11 WHEREAS, on September 29, 2024, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta opened the Arthur M.
12 Blank Hospital, a 19-story, 2-million-square-foot state-of-the-art facility with 446 licensed
13 beds, 70 percent of which are dedicated to critical care and specialty services, and it now
14 serves as the only dedicated Level 1 Pediatric Trauma Center in Georgia; and

15 WHEREAS, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta made history on September 29 when it moved
16 202 patients using 65 ambulances from Egleston Hospital to the new Arthur M. Blank
17 Hospital in fewer than 12 hours, representing one of the largest single-day pediatric hospital
18 moves in the country; and

19 WHEREAS, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta has been ranked as a top pediatric hospital by
20 *U.S. News & World Report* for 21 years, with eight specialties ranked in the top 20 and one
21 specialty ranked in the top 10, exemplifying its commitment to excellence in pediatric
22 healthcare.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
24 recognize and commend Children's Healthcare of Atlanta for its outstanding contributions
25 to pediatric healthcare in Georgia and celebrate the opening of the Arthur M. Blank Hospital,
26 a groundbreaking addition to our state that will provide life changing care to children and
27 families for generations to come.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
29 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Children's
30 Healthcare of Atlanta.