

Senate Resolution 149

By: Senators Halpern of the 39th, Jackson of the 41st, Merritt of the 9th, Parent of the 44th, Orrock of the 36th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Shepherd Center upon its 50th anniversary; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Shepherd Center was founded in Atlanta, Georgia, as a private not-for-profit
4 hospital on August 18, 1975, and it is celebrating 50 years of service; and

5 WHEREAS, the Shepherd Center's mission is to help individuals with temporary or
6 permanent disabilities caused by injury or disease rebuild their lives with hope,
7 independence, and dignity; advocate for their full inclusion in all aspects of community life;
8 and promote safety and injury prevention; and

9 WHEREAS, the Shepherd Center has made a profound impact on the citizens of Georgia and
10 countless individuals worldwide by providing personalized rehabilitation and medical care
11 for those experiencing brain injuries, spinal cord injuries, multiple sclerosis, chronic pain,
12 and other neurological conditions; and

13 WHEREAS, the Shepherd Center has played a vital role in the community by leading the
14 1996 Atlanta Paralympic Games Organizing Committee, founding the wheelchair division

15 of the AJC Peachtree Road Race, advocating for accessible public accommodations and
16 transportation, and bringing honor as a global leader in neuro-rehabilitation research and
17 innovation; and

18 WHEREAS, each year in the United States, approximately 300,000 people are newly
19 diagnosed with spinal cord injuries, traumatic brain injuries, and multiple sclerosis,
20 underscoring the critical need for specialized care and rehabilitation provided by institutions
21 such as the Shepherd Center; and

22 WHEREAS, the Shepherd Center's culture of hope, humor, and hard work continues to
23 inspire its patients, families, staff, and the broader community.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
25 recognize and commend the Shepherd Center upon its 50th anniversary and extend sincere
26 best wishes for continued success.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
28 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the Shepherd
29 Center.