

Senate Resolution 196

By: Senator Sims of the 12th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Phoebe Putney Health System; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Phoebe Putney Health System is the largest employer in southwest Georgia as  
3 well as a leading provider of comprehensive medical care, ensuring that residents have access  
4 to advanced healthcare close to home; and

5 WHEREAS, on January 15, 2025, Phoebe Putney Health System opened its new \$150  
6 million Trauma & Critical Care Tower, featuring a vastly expanded Emergency & Trauma  
7 Center—the second-only Level II Trauma Center in Georgia south of Atlanta—as well as a  
8 new Neonatal Intensive Care Unit that is more than four times the size of the previous facility  
9 and a new Surgical Intensive Care Unit with 20 additional critical care beds; and

10 WHEREAS, Phoebe Putney Health System is a leader in healthcare workforce development,  
11 as exemplified by the Phoebe Living & Learning Community, an innovative partnership with  
12 Albany Technical College that provides housing and training for students, helping to  
13 quadruple the college's number of nursing graduates; and

14 WHEREAS, the Phoebe Health Science Pathway allows high school students at Commodore  
15 Conyers College & Career Academy to earn nursing assistant certification and dual

16 enrollment credits, creating a direct pipeline into nursing programs at Albany State  
17 University and Albany Technical College; and

18 WHEREAS, Phoebe Putney Health System supports medical education by housing regional  
19 campuses of the Medical College of Georgia and the University of Georgia College of  
20 Pharmacy, and it has graduated nearly 170 physicians through its Family Medicine  
21 Residency Program; and

22 WHEREAS, Phoebe Putney Health System demonstrates strong corporate citizenship  
23 through neighborhood revitalization efforts, support for community organizations, and  
24 investments in rural healthcare, including financial aid to Jeff Davis Hospital, Appling  
25 Healthcare, and Clinch Memorial Hospital following Hurricane Helene; and

26 WHEREAS, Phoebe Putney Health System continues to play a vital role in the economic and  
27 healthcare development of southwest Georgia, strengthening communities through its  
28 dedication to innovation, excellence, and service.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
30 commend Phoebe Putney Health System for its outstanding contributions to healthcare,  
31 workforce development, and community service in southwest Georgia as well as extend best  
32 wishes for its continued success.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
34 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Phoebe Putney  
35 Health System.