

## House Resolution 336

By: Representatives Willis of the 55<sup>th</sup>, Crawford of the 89<sup>th</sup>, and Miller of the 62<sup>nd</sup>

## 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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
25 the members of this body recognize and commend the Shepherd Center upon its 50th  
26 anniversary and extend sincere best wishes for continued success.

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