

House Resolution 607

By: Representatives Burns of the 159th, Stephens of the 164th, Jackson of the 165th, Westbrook of the 163rd, Hawkins of the 27th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating St. Joseph's Hospital of Savannah, Georgia, upon its 150th anniversary; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the genesis of St. Joseph's Hospital began in 1875 when the Sisters of Mercy
4 took over operations of the Forest City Marine Hospital in what is now Savannah's National
5 Historic Landmark District; and

6 WHEREAS, since its inception, Savannahians have come to trust the consummate care,
7 compassion, and medical expertise that have become synonymous with the name St. Joseph's
8 Hospital; and

9 WHEREAS, throughout its illustrious history, St. Joseph's Hospital has built its heritage and
10 reputation on a continued commitment to cutting-edge medicine through highly skilled
11 physicians, top-notch clinical professionals, and state-of-the-art medical technologies and
12 procedures; and

13 WHEREAS, as a not-for-profit community hospital, St. Joseph's has had a profound and
14 lasting impact on generations of Georgians and has continuously infused its community with
15 an enriched sense of health, wellness, safety, and pride; and

16 WHEREAS, the core of this hospital's mission-centric philosophy is rooted in God's
17 ever-present love, and its longevity is sustained by its consistent works of mercy, always
18 focused on the people and communities it serves; and

19 WHEREAS, its strength in the Savannah community was further fortified by its joint
20 affiliation with Candler Hospital in 1997, forming the largest and most experienced health
21 care provider in Southeast Georgia while remaining locally controlled and governed; and

22 WHEREAS, St. Joseph's/Candler was nationally recognized by the American Hospital
23 Association with its prestigious Foster G. McGaw Award for its commitment to community
24 outreach through innovative programs such as St. Mary's Community Center, St. Mary's
25 Health Center, the Good Samaritan Clinic, the African American Health Information &
26 Resource Center, the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program, and the Angels of Mercy
27 Community Volunteer Corps; and

28 WHEREAS, as St. Joseph's Hospital celebrates the historic occasion of its 150th anniversary,
29 it is fitting to honor its rich past, salute the strength of its faith-filled service in treating illness
30 and promoting wellness for all people in the communities it serves, and look forward with
31 tremendous pride to its sustained health and future growth for the benefit of all residents of
32 Southeast Georgia.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
34 the members of this body congratulate St. Joseph's Hospital, the Sisters of Mercy, the
35 hospital's past and present leadership team, and all its co-workers on the grand occasion of
36 its 150th anniversary and extend best wishes for its continued service to the citizens of the
37 City of Savannah and the surrounding regions.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
39 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
40 public and the press.