

## Senate Resolution 404

By: Senators McLaurin of the 14th, Payne of the 54th, Harbison of the 15th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Islam Parkes of the 7th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Emory Healthcare Veterans Program upon its 10th  
2 anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, in 2015, Emory University and Emory Healthcare, with the support of the  
4 Wounded Warrior Project, established the Emory Healthcare Veterans Program; and

5 WHEREAS, the Emory Healthcare Veterans Program is a center of excellence dedicated to  
6 helping veterans and active-duty service members heal their invisible wounds, such as  
7 post-traumatic stress, traumatic brain injury, military sexual trauma, anxiety, depression, and  
8 related conditions; and

9 WHEREAS, in its ten years of existence, the Emory Healthcare Veterans Program has served  
10 more than 3,500 veterans and active duty service members, providing them with effective,  
11 evidence-based, holistic mental health care; and

12 WHEREAS, the Emory Healthcare Veterans Program's flagship treatment plan, the  
13 two-week Accelerated Brain Health Program, has significantly transformed the lives of  
14 graduating veterans and active-duty service members, with more than 75 percent seeing  
15 clinically significant improvements in their symptoms; and

16 WHEREAS, to remove any and all barriers that veterans or service-members may have  
17 preventing them from seeking treatment, all transportation, meals, lodging, activities, and  
18 clinical treatment are provided at no cost to post-9/11 veterans or their families; and

19 WHEREAS, while the Emory Healthcare Veterans Program will serve veterans or  
20 service-members from anywhere in the country, it has served more members of the military  
21 community from Georgia than anywhere else, with nearly 2,000 Georgians receiving  
22 treatment; and

23 WHEREAS, the Emory Healthcare Veterans Program has served the state of Georgia as a  
24 member of the Department of Veterans Services' Returning Veteran Task Force, and as part  
25 of the Governor's Challenge to Prevent Suicide in Service members, Veterans, and their  
26 Families, which Governor Kemp signed at the Emory's clinic; and

27 WHEREAS, since post traumatic stress and depression have been identified as a significant  
28 risk factors for and as an underlying cause of military suicide, the work done by the Emory  
29 Healthcare Veterans Program to heal invisible wounds has saved the lives of many veterans  
30 and active-duty service members.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
32 recognize the Emory Healthcare Veterans Program upon its 10th anniversary for the  
33 significant impact it has made to transform and save the lives of veterans and active-duty  
34 service members.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
36 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the Emory  
37 Healthcare Veterans Program.