

Senate Resolution 559

By: Senators Hickman of the 4th, Walker III of the 20th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Burns of the 23rd and Watson of the 1st

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Kenny Stone for his outstanding legacy of leadership and congratulating East
2 Georgia Regional Medical Center upon 25 years of service; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, East Georgia Regional Medical Center's (EGRMC) success is inseparable from
4 the exceptional leadership of Kenny Stone, Chairman of the EGRMC Board of Trustees; and

5 WHEREAS, every major milestone, from the vision of a new regional hospital to its growth
6 into one of Southeast Georgia's most vital healthcare institutions, has unfolded under Kenny
7 Stone's steady guidance, strategic foresight, and unwavering commitment to community; and

8 WHEREAS, through decades of change in healthcare, economic cycles, and community
9 growth, Kenny Stone's leadership has helped shape a hospital that delivers advanced care,
10 economic strength, and compassionate service to the citizens of Georgia; and

11 WHEREAS, during his tenure, EGRMC has grown into a regional healthcare leader, serving
12 over 300,000 patients annually, supporting over \$214 million in economic impact, and
13 providing \$100 million in charity and uncompensated care, ensuring access to healthcare
14 regardless of a patient's ability to pay; and

15 WHEREAS, reflecting his unwavering dedication to building stronger, more sustainable
16 communities, Kenny Stone has guided EGRMC to becoming one of the region's largest
17 employers, championed a collaboration with Georgia Southern University, Ogeechee
18 Technical College, as well as numerous other educational institutions to educate more than
19 300 healthcare students each semester, and ensured the development and investment into new
20 technologies allowing patients to receive life-saving care close to home; and

21 WHEREAS, additionally, Kenny Stone's leadership has supported the expansion of EGRMC
22 beyond its hospital walls, creating a network of specialty and primary care services designed
23 to meet the growing needs of Southeast Georgia; and

24 WHEREAS, for 25 years, the success of EGRMC has been the result of collective effort of
25 physicians, nurses, staff, volunteers, community partners, and trustees, working under steady,
26 principled leadership, like that of Kenny Stone; and

27 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding leadership, unwavering
28 dedication to community, and distinguished service of EGRMC Board of Trustees Chairman
29 Kenny Stone is appropriately honored.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
31 recognize the exemplary leadership demonstrated by Kenny Stone and congratulate East
32 Georgia Regional Medical Center for 25 years of dedicated service to the citizens of the State
33 of Georgia.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
35 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Kenny Stone and
36 East Georgia Regional Medical Center.