

House Resolution 1431

By: Representatives Park of the 107th, Cooper of the 45th, Drenner of the 85th, Lim of the 98th, Barnes of the 86th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Larry M. Lehman for his lifetime of service and leadership
2 in public health; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Larry M. Lehman has dedicated more than 41 years of visionary leadership to
4 public health, including 34 distinguished years as the President and Chief Executive Officer
5 of Positive Impact Health Centers (PIHC); and

6 WHEREAS, under his transformative guidance, PIHC has evolved into a premier healthcare
7 institution, serving as the only CARF-accredited program in the State of Georgia, providing
8 a comprehensive continuum of HIV prevention, clinical care, behavioral health, substance
9 use treatment services, pharmacy, nutrition, and dental care; and

10 WHEREAS, he has overseen a period of historic growth, leading and growing an
11 organization with a budget of \$3 million in 2015 to one that now comprises more than 325
12 staff members with an annual budget exceeding \$177 million, dedicated to the service of
13 over 15,000 individuals impacted by HIV/AIDS across the metro-Atlanta region; and

14 WHEREAS, Larry M. Lehman has distinguished himself as the epitome of a servant leader,
15 defined by his humility, his unwavering focus on the well-being of the community, and his
16 innate ability to lead with both his head and his heart; and

17 WHEREAS, he is widely regarded as an exceptional mentor and advocate who has
18 consistently invested in the professional and personal growth of his staff, providing
19 opportunities for advancement and empowering the next generation of public health leaders;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, his management brilliance was notably highlighted by the debt-free merger of
22 AIDS Gwinnett and Positive Impact, serving as a national model for nonprofit efficiency and
23 sustainability; and

24 WHEREAS, his dedicated work was recognized in 2015 when he was invited to the White
25 House on World AIDS Day to present on the community benefits of the merger; and

26 WHEREAS, a man of deep compassion, Larry has been a pillar of the Georgia community
27 since 1982 and looks forward to a well-earned retirement in Lawrenceville spent traveling,
28 riding his Harley-Davidson, and enjoying the company of his cherished husband, Sweet Ian
29 Eduria, and two beloved dogs: Bruno and Piper; and

30 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of
31 this distinguished Georgian, who has defined his tenure through excellence, kindness, and
32 a life of service, be appropriately recognized by this body.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
34 the members of this body recognize and commend Larry M. Lehman for his lifetime of

35 service and leadership in public health, congratulate him upon the grand occasion of his
36 retirement at the end of 2026, and extend their most sincere best wishes for his continued
37 health and happiness.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
39 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Larry
40 M. Lehman.