

Senate Resolution 1046

By: Senators Orrock of the 36th, Harbison of the 15th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Harrell of the 40th, Kemp of the 38th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending John Hauptert for his outstanding service as President and Chief Executive
2 Officer of Grady Health System upon the occasion of his retirement; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, John Hauptert has served with exceptional leadership as President and Chief
4 Executive Officer of Grady Health System in Atlanta since October 2011, guiding one of the
5 nation's most vital safety-net healthcare systems with vision, integrity, and unwavering
6 commitment; and

7 WHEREAS, over the course of his distinguished 15-year tenure, Mr. Hauptert has
8 transformed Grady Health System into a more financially stable and sustainable institution,
9 ensuring its continued ability to provide high-quality care to the residents of Fulton and
10 DeKalb counties and the broader metropolitan Atlanta community; and

11 WHEREAS, under his leadership, Grady has strengthened its position as a premier healthcare
12 provider and as a Level I trauma center and burn center, delivering lifesaving care and
13 advancing excellence through nationally recognized clinical services, including the Marcus
14 Neuroscience and Stroke Center, the Correll Cardiac Center, the Georgia Cancer Center for
15 Excellence, Hughes-Spalding Children's Hospital, and Grady EMS, one of the largest
16 hospital-based emergency medical services agencies in the United States; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Hauptert has played a pivotal role in advancing medical education and
18 training, with Grady serving as the primary clinical training site for the Morehouse School
19 of Medicine and the Emory University School of Medicine, thereby shaping future
20 generations of healthcare professionals; and

21 WHEREAS, his tenure has been marked by visionary planning and strategic growth,
22 including the development and advancement of a new \$900 million hospital campus in South
23 Fulton, which will expand access to care and strengthen healthcare infrastructure across the
24 region; and

25 WHEREAS, even upon his retirement at the end of 2026, Mr. Hauptert has demonstrated his
26 continued dedication by committing to serve in an advisory capacity through 2027 to support
27 the successful completion of the South Fulton campus project and ongoing fundraising
28 efforts; and

29 WHEREAS, Mr. Hauptert's exemplary leadership has earned national recognition, including
30 his service as Chair of the American Hospital Association Board of Trustees and his receipt
31 of the prestigious American College of Healthcare Executives Gold Medal in 2023; and

32 WHEREAS, through his steadfast commitment to service, innovation, and community health,
33 John Hauptert has left an indelible mark on Grady Health System and the State of Georgia,
34 improving the lives of countless individuals and strengthening the healthcare safety net for
35 generations to come.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
37 commend John Hauptert for his extraordinary leadership, dedicated service, and lasting

38 contributions to healthcare in Georgia and extend their best wishes for a fulfilling and
39 well-deserved retirement.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
41 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to John Hauptert.