

## House Resolution 169

By: Representatives Au of the 50<sup>th</sup>, Silcox of the 53<sup>rd</sup>, Cooper of the 45<sup>th</sup>, Hawkins of the 27<sup>th</sup>,  
and Stephens of the 164<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 5, 2025, as Physician's Day at the state capitol and saluting the  
2 physicians of Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the practice of medicine, embodied in the clinical encounter between a patient  
4 and a physician, is fundamentally a moral activity arising from the imperative to care for  
5 patients and alleviate suffering; and

6 WHEREAS, the relationship between a patient and a physician is based on trust, giving rise  
7 to physicians' ethical responsibility to place patients' welfare above their own self-interest  
8 or obligations to others, to use sound medical judgment on behalf of their patients, and to  
9 advocate for their patients' welfare; and

10 WHEREAS, as of 2023, there are 27,750 physicians in Georgia who are trusted leaders with  
11 a positive and lasting impact on the health of their patients and the overall well-being of their  
12 communities; and

13 WHEREAS, the Georgia legislature has fostered one of the strongest practice environments  
14 in the country for both patients and physicians; and

15 WHEREAS, physicians enter their profession to offer services of care, prevention, and  
16 surgical intervention when necessary for the physical and mental well-being of their patients  
17 and are deeply concerned with the public's overall health; and

18 WHEREAS, this state recognizes the Medical Association of Georgia along with several  
19 specialty societies, including the Medical Association of Atlanta, Hall County Medical  
20 Society, Medical Reserve Corps, Georgia Society of Anesthesiologists, Georgia Society of  
21 Ophthalmology, Georgia Radiological Society, Georgia Orthopaedic Society, Georgia  
22 OBGYN Society, Georgia Chapter of the American College of Physicians, Georgia Chapter  
23 of the American Academy of Pediatrics, Georgia Psychiatric Physicians Association, Georgia  
24 Medical Directors Association, Georgia Society of Dermatology and Dermatologic Surgery,  
25 American College of Cardiology, Georgia Society of Ambulatory Surgery Centers, Georgia  
26 College of Emergency Physicians, Georgia Society on Interventional Pain Coverage, and  
27 Resurgens Orthopaedics, for their invaluable contributions.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
29 the members of this body join in recognizing February 5, 2025, as Physician's Day at the  
30 state capitol and saluting the physicians of Georgia.

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