

House Resolution 271

By: Representatives Parrish of the 158th, Dempsey of the 13th, and Cooper of the 45th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring and commending Visiting Nurse Health System; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Visiting Nurse Health System, a Georgia nonprofit based in Atlanta that has
3 been in existence since 1948, provides home healthcare, community care, hospice services,
4 palliative care services, and private duty nursing services by serving patients and their loved
5 ones in their homes following an illness, surgery, or hospital stay; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Visiting Nurse Health System operates in 41 counties and serves more than
7 11,500 patients in Georgia, clocking more than 1 million miles on their cars to provide care
8 to Georgians; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Visiting Nurse Health System employs a number of professionals, including
10 nurses, physical and occupational therapists, speech-language pathologists, and social
11 workers, to provide services to its patients; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Visiting Nurse Health System began its Georgia efforts with two nurses and
13 now has a staff of about 450 and has been recognized as a top workplace; and

14 WHEREAS, Visiting Nurse Health System has become a leader in providing hospice
15 services to individuals and their families in Atlanta, has created the Alzheimer's care
16 program, created Camp STARS, started programs to serve low income and high risk
17 individuals, and more; and

18 WHEREAS, in 2021, Visiting Nurse Health System delivered \$1.2 million in charitable care
19 and invested 94 percent of charitable contributions into direct patient care; and

20 WHEREAS, Visiting Nurse Health System created supportive networks and partners with
21 Grady Health System, Emory Healthcare, Piedmont, Dispatch Health, A. G. Rhodes
22 Community Wellness Care, Resurgica Health Solutions, JenCare Senior Medical Center,
23 Atlanta Regional Commission on Aging and Health Resources, Emory's Rollins School of
24 Public Health, the Fuqua Center for Late Life Depression, the Alzheimer's Association -
25 Georgia Chapter, the United Way of Greater Atlanta, and Fulton County offices to provide
26 more services to the communities they serve; and

27 WHEREAS, Visiting Nurse Health System is well known and affiliated with several
28 organizations, such as LeadingAge, United Way of Greater Atlanta, and ElevatingHOME,
29 and is a national partner with We Honor Veterans.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
31 the members of this body honor and commend the Visiting Nurse Health System and its staff
32 and volunteers for their tireless, efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service
33 to the adult and pediatric patients of this state.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
35 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
36 Visiting Nurse Health System.