

Senate Resolution 639

By: Senators Unterman of the 45th and Seay of the 34th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Georgia State University's Legislative Health Policy
2 Certificate Program and Advanced Health Policy Institute; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Georgia Health Policy Center at Andrew Young School of Policy Studies
4 at Georgia State University has developed an educational initiative to inform members of the
5 health community about pressing health-related issues; and

6 WHEREAS, with funding from the Robert W. Woodruff Foundation, the Legislative Health
7 Policy Certificate Program is a four-part course which legislators and their staff are
8 instructed on the areas of health financing, coverage, access to care, and the impact poor
9 health has upon this state; and

10 WHEREAS, 34 state elected officials and their staff have attended at least one educational
11 session, with nine representatives, three senators, and six staff members completing at least
12 three Legislative Health Policy Certificate sessions in order to earn certification; and

13 WHEREAS, in 2017 Georgia State University conducted the Advanced Health Policy
14 Institute to expand the opportunities for learning, and 19 state elected officials and their staff
15 have attended at least one educational session and five representatives and one senator
16 attended both sessions of the Advanced program in order to receive commendation; and

17 WHEREAS, the Georgia Health Policy Center commends the senators, representatives, and
18 staffers who dedicated their time and energy to the bipartisan learning on vital health issues;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, the following Senators and staff are receiving certificates for the Legislative
21 Health Policy Certificate Program: Senator Tonya Anderson, Senator Kay Kirkpatrick,
22 Senator Larry Walker III, Ms. Megan Andrews, Ms. Melody DeBussey, Ms. Elizabeth
23 Holcomb, and Ms. Sherry Williams; and

24 WHEREAS, Senator Kay Kirkpatrick is receiving commendation for attending two out of
25 two sessions of the Advanced Health Policy Institute; and

26 WHEREAS, the Legislative Health Policy Certificate Program and the Advanced Health
27 Policy Institute at Georgia State University provides elected officials and their staff with the
28 opportunity to make informed decisions on health policy and legislation for the State of
29 Georgia and is worthy of recognition.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
31 commend Georgia State University's Legislative Health Policy Certificate Program for
32 providing high quality education to the leaders of this state.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
34 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Georgia State
35 University's Andrew Young School of Policy Studies.