

Senate Resolution 848

By: Senators Summers of the 13th, Gooch of the 51st, Kennedy of the 18th, Tillery of the 19th, Walker III of the 20th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating and commending the Georgia Alliance of Community Hospitals upon its 40th
2 year anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Georgia Alliance of Community Hospitals has served for four decades as
4 a supporter and representative of community hospitals as well as an advocate for sound
5 health care policies and regulations; and

6 WHEREAS, since its creation in 1984, the Georgia Alliance of Community Hospitals has
7 been led by President and Chief Executive Officer Monty Veazey; and

8 WHEREAS, this remarkable alliance works to maintain procedures and regulations that
9 support health care providers without imposing undue burdens or restricting the ability of
10 community hospitals to provide vital care; and

11 WHEREAS, currently, only 16 trauma hospitals exist in the State of Georgia, five of which
12 are designated as Level-1 centers, and a significant portion of this state's population lives
13 outside of the "Golden Hour" for optimal trauma care; and

14 WHEREAS, of the 40,000 major trauma cases that occur annually in Georgia, only around
15 10,000 are treated in designated trauma centers, and Georgia's trauma mortality rate is 20
16 percent higher than the national average; and

17 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia ranks third highest in the United States for the percentage
18 of uninsured residents, which inflicts added stress onto the health care system and impacts
19 the financial stability of hospitals in this state; and

20 WHEREAS, sustainable funding for health care services is crucial for not-for-profit hospitals
21 and the improvement of Georgia's trauma network; and

22 WHEREAS, in recognition of the importance that access to adequate health care has for the
23 citizens of this state, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this outstanding organization be
24 appropriately honored during this special time.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
26 congratulate the Georgia Alliance of Community Hospitals upon the grand occasion of its
27 40th year anniversary, commend it for its many contributions on behalf of this state's
28 community hospitals and health care providers, and extend best wishes for continued success.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
30 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the Georgia
31 Alliance of Community Hospitals.