

House Resolution 183

By: Representatives Tankersley of the 160th, Parrish of the 158th, Burns of the 159th, Neal of the 2nd, and Ralston of the 7th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending and recognizing Jimmy Mooney on receiving the Georgia Hospital
2 Association's Georgia Hospital Heroes Lifetime Achievement Award; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Willingway Hospital Chairman Jimmy Mooney was the only individual state
4 wide who was awarded the Georgia Hospital Heroes Lifetime Achievement Award at the
5 Georgia Hospital Association's annual Hospital Heroes Awards luncheon on
6 December 4, 2012, in Atlanta, Georgia, for his work in helping alcoholics and addicts find
7 sobriety; and

8 WHEREAS, founded by Mooney's parents and often called the "Betty Ford Center of the
9 South," Willingway is the first free-standing specialty hospital treating alcoholism and drug
10 addiction in Georgia; and

11 WHEREAS, Mooney, who has been alcohol-free for over 25 years, began working for the
12 hospital in 1980; he has held many positions, including data processing manager, accounts
13 payable manager, business director, administrator, and chief executive officer; and

14 WHEREAS, Mooney continued to show his dedication and passion during his tenure as CEO
15 from 1996 to 2011, and he ensured the family atmosphere and philosophy begun by his
16 parents was retained at the hospital; and

17 WHEREAS, as the hospital's current chairman of the board, he continues to ensure staff
18 sensitivity and close, personal staff-to-patient interaction, which aid tremendously in
19 recovery, making Willingway one of the most recommended treatment centers in the
20 country; and

21 WHEREAS, Mooney's dedication to helping addicts goes beyond the hospital walls, as he
22 is one of the initiators of the Center for Addiction Recovery at Georgia Southern University,
23 a program that helps college students recover from alcohol and drug addiction; and

24 WHEREAS, he was also honored with the Deen Day Smith Service to Mankind Award in
25 2010, which recognizes the community service of individuals in Statesboro and Bulloch
26 County; and

27 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia is honored to have such an outstanding role model and
28 pioneer who has made a positive impact on his community and health care system by helping
29 others embrace life.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
31 the members of this body heartily recognize and commend Jimmy Mooney on being awarded
32 the Georgia Hospital Association's Georgia Hospital Heroes Lifetime Achievement Award.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
34 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Jimmy Mooney.