

## House Resolution 576

By: Representatives Cannon of the 172<sup>nd</sup>, Taylor of the 173<sup>rd</sup>, Pirkle of the 169<sup>th</sup>, Corbett of the 174<sup>th</sup>, Williams of the 148<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending and congratulating Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine South  
2 Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM), established in  
4 1899, recognized the need to expand the workforce for physicians and allied health care  
5 professionals in Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, PCOM opened a branch campus in Suwanee, Gwinnett County, in 2005 known  
7 as PCOM Georgia; and

8 WHEREAS, PCOM South Georgia was opened in Moultrie, Colquitt County, in 2019 as an  
9 additional location and as the first four-year medical school program established within a  
10 rural community to grow and expand Georgia's physician and health care workforce; and

11 WHEREAS, PCOM Georgia and PCOM South Georgia's medical school students are  
12 primarily citizens of the State of Georgia; and

13 WHEREAS, PCOM Georgia and PCOM South Georgia's vision is that graduates will fill  
14 some of Georgia's most critical needs in core medical specialties to include family medicine,

15 internal medicine, pediatrics, emergency medicine, OB/GYN, general surgery, and  
16 psychiatry; and

17 WHEREAS, PCOM South Georgia will conduct a commencement ceremony for its  
18 inaugural class of Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine graduates on May 25, 2023, which  
19 consists of professionals who will add greatly to the physician workforce needed in Georgia.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
21 the members of this body commend and congratulate the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic  
22 Medicine for its investment in Georgia and Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine  
23 South Georgia for its success in educating physicians for our state.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
25 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to  
26 Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine South Georgia.