

House Resolution 693

By: Representatives Lim of the 98th, Reeves of the 99th, McClain of the 109th, Clark of the 100th, Marin of the 96th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Good Samaritan Health Centers of Gwinnett; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Good Samaritan Health Centers of Gwinnett located in Gwinnett County
4 provides high quality primary and preventive health care to more than 50,000 people in the
5 State of Georgia, including the uninsured, the working poor, and a large number of
6 under-insured, elderly, homeless, and other vulnerable populations, without regard to income
7 status, cultural or ethnic heritage, or disease conditions; and

8 WHEREAS, the Good Samaritan Health Centers of Gwinnett contribute more than \$30
9 million per year to Georgia's economy through indirect and induced economic activity and
10 saves hospitals more than \$12,000,000 per year in uncollectible medical debt; and

11 WHEREAS, the Good Samaritan Health Centers of Gwinnett recruit and retain more than
12 60 health care professionals where they are most needed and offer access to a wide range of
13 cost-effective medical and dental services, prescription medicines, health education,
14 translation services, community outreach, specialty care, and other support programs; and

15 WHEREAS, the Good Samaritan Health Centers of Gwinnett have a track record spanning
16 nearly two decades of controlling costs, providing access, training future health care
17 professionals, and providing free consulting services to nonprofit health clinics in other
18 communities throughout Georgia; and

19 WHEREAS, the Good Samaritan Health Centers of Gwinnett work in partnership with other
20 health care providers, local hospitals, health departments, social service agencies, and health
21 related support organizations to maximize resources and ensure that services are coordinated
22 to improve the health status of the community; and

23 WHEREAS, the Good Samaritan Health Centers of Gwinnett have been innovators in the
24 establishment of patient centered medical homes, providing access to quality care and
25 continuity of care for the patients they serve; and

26 WHEREAS, the Good Samaritan Health Centers of Gwinnett have taken a leadership role
27 in providing access in under-served communities to help resolve this state's health care
28 access problems, demonstrating commendable efforts in continuous quality improvement,
29 reduction of health disparities among the under-served, and the implementation of new health
30 care initiatives such as the integration of medical and dental services and the utilization of
31 the latest technology to improve operations and delivery of services to more Georgians; and

32 WHEREAS, the Good Samaritan Health Centers of Gwinnett deserve commendation for
33 their valuable contributions in expanding access to health care, their outstanding record of
34 service, and their dedication to improving health care and the health status of all Georgians.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
36 the members of this body recognize and commend the Good Samaritan Health Centers of

37 Gwinnett for their laudable service to patients in Georgia and extend best wishes for
38 continued success.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
40 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
41 Good Samaritan Health Centers of Gwinnett.