By: Senators Anderson of the 43rd, Jones of the 10th, Davenport of the 44th, Butler of the 55th, Henson of the 41st and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating and commending Emory Hillandale Hospital; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, Emory Hillandale Hospital celebrates the 15th anniversary of its founding this
year; and

4 WHEREAS, with the exemplary work ethic demonstrated daily by its dedicated employees,

5 this outstanding hospital has grown from its humble beginnings in 2005 to become a

6 premiere medical facility; and

WHEREAS, plans to create a hospital in South DeKalb began in 1970 when DeKalb County
voters approved a \$1.95 million bond referendum to fund its development; and

9 WHEREAS, although the Hillandale property was acquired by DeKalb Medical in 1976, it

10 would take another ten years of legal opinions, position papers, feasibility studies, and

11 moratoriums to prove the need for new hospital beds; and

WHEREAS, in 1994, DeKalb Medical Hillandale opened on a 40 acre campus in Lithonia,
Georgia, and established the South DeKalb Advisory Committee to advocate for the
community's needs; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, construction of South DeKalb's first full-service hospital officially
began, and in 2005, DeKalb Medical at Hillandale received its certificate of occupancy from

17 the state fire marshal, signifying that it was ready to open; and

18 WHEREAS, this remarkable hospital has established a glowing reputation of renown 19 throughout South DeKalb for its ability to meet the diversified needs of its patients with 20 friendly and professional service; and

- 21 WHEREAS, its employees are staunch supporters of the South DeKalb community and
- 22 unselfishly devote innumerable hours of their time and talents to support and improve the
- area; and
- WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of thisextraordinary facility be appropriately recognized.
- 26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
- 27 congratulate Emory Hillandale Hospital on the grand occasion of its 15th anniversary,
- 28 commend it for its many outstanding contributions on behalf of the citizens of Georgia, and
- 29 extend best wishes for its continued growth, development, and success.
- 30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
- 31 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Emory Hillandale
- 32 Hospital.