

Senate Resolution 134

By: Senator Stone of the 23rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the Medical College of Georgia at Georgia Regents University's 185th
2 anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Medical College of Georgia was chartered by the State of Georgia on
4 December 20, 1828, through the efforts of Dr. Milton Antony to become the first medical
5 school in the State of Georgia, the 13th oldest in the U.S., and third oldest in the Southeast;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, the first dean of the Medical College of Georgia was Dr. Lewis DeSaussure
8 Ford and seven students were enrolled in the first class; today the college educates and trains
9 one in five physicians in the State of Georgia; and

10 WHEREAS, the Medical College of Georgia, the state's only public medical school, is
11 dedicated to innovative medical education, cutting edge research, and quality patient care;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, there are 9,987 alumni of the Medical College of Georgia practicing in Georgia
14 and throughout the United States; and

15 WHEREAS, the Medical College of Georgia continues to expand to meet the growing need
16 for physicians in Georgia by increasing the number of medical students with campuses in
17 Athens, Savannah/Brunswick, Albany, and soon in Rome; and

18 WHEREAS, the Medical College of Georgia offers clinical education training for medical
19 students in approximately 135 sites across the state, providing medical students experience
20 in the full spectrum of medicine; and

21 WHEREAS, this remarkable institution continues to build upon its original mission to
22 provide physicians, biomedical scientists, and health care leaders for the future; and

23 WHEREAS, this outstanding medical school has nearly 706 full- and part-time faculty; more
24 than 1,500 clinical and adjunct faculty; 884 students, 95 percent of whom are Georgia
25 residents; 454 residents in 42 medical and surgical programs; and about nearly 780 full- and
26 part-time staff; and

27 WHEREAS, the Medical College of Georgia serves as an economic engine with more than
28 \$90 million in total grants and contracts; and

29 WHEREAS, under the leadership of Georgia Regents University President Ricardo Azziz
30 and Medical College of Georgia Dean Peter F. Buckley, the Medical College of Georgia
31 serves as a strong advocate for the health of Georgians.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
33 recognize and commend the Medical College of Georgia at Georgia Regents University and
34 its faculty, students, staff, residents, alumni, and friends for their many years of dedicated
35 service to the health needs of Georgia citizens.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
37 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Medical College of Georgia at
38 Georgia Regents University.