

## Senate Resolution 779

By: Senators Goodman of the 8th, Burke of the 11th, Dugan of the 30th, Harper of the 7th and Tippins of the 37th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending South Georgia Medical Center; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, it is important to recognize the essential role South Georgia Medical Center  
3 (SGMC), its campuses, facilities, nurses, physicians, and staff play in the delivery of quality  
4 healthcare, the South Georgia economy, and the communities that they serve; and

5 WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has presented the greatest healthcare challenge ever  
6 faced by medical professionals, and it is fitting that we recognize those healthcare facilities  
7 that have provided essential services to protect the well-being of our residents; and

8 WHEREAS, throughout the pandemic, hospitals and their associates and staff have worked  
9 tirelessly to provide care for those patients who contracted the coronavirus while also caring  
10 for those with other medical needs; and

11 WHEREAS, hospitals are often the first place individuals visit to receive healthcare services  
12 and are a safety net for many; and SGMC offers access to care for every individual,  
13 regardless of the individual's ability to pay; and

14 WHEREAS, SGMC employs more than 3,000 individuals and is one of the largest employers  
15 and economic engines in Lowndes county; has an annual economic impact of more than \$1  
16 billion; and operates four hospital campuses, 11 primary care clinics, and 27 specialty care  
17 offices; and

18 WHEREAS, SGMC has more than 740,000 patient encounters, performs more than 20,000  
19 surgeries, delivers 2,000 babies, and has more than 100,000 emergency room visits annually,  
20 and has recruited 20 new physicians to South Georgia; and

21 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
22 extraordinary organization be appropriately recognized.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
24 recognize and commend South Georgia Medical Center for the life-changing and life-saving  
25 care they have provided to communities across Georgia and extend best wishes for future  
26 success.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
28 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to South Georgia  
29 Medical Center.