

House Resolution 1124

By: Representatives Burchett of the 176th, Corbett of the 174th, Sainz of the 180th, and Meeks of the 178th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Spurgeon William Clark III, MD, on his outstanding service
2 as an ophthalmologist; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Spurgeon William Clark III, MD, has long been recognized by the citizens of
4 this state for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment
5 to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
7 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced
8 dramatically by his superlative service as an ophthalmologist; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Clark's significant organizational and leadership talents, remarkable
10 patience and diplomacy, keen sense of vision, and sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of
11 this state have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates; and

12 WHEREAS, since 1981, Dr. Clark has been a member of the American Medical Association
13 and is currently an ophthalmologist at the Clark Eye Center in Waycross, Georgia; and

14 WHEREAS, he impacts the field of medicine by advocating for increased medical
15 association membership at the state specialty and national specialty levels and strongly
16 believes that all physicians should be active advocates in the political arena on behalf of their
17 patients and profession; and

18 WHEREAS, he has served as the president of the Medical Association of Georgia, chair of
19 the American Academy of Ophthalmology's PAC, and chair of the Georgia delegation and
20 Southeastern delegation to the American Medical Association; and

21 WHEREAS, Dr. Clark established the Georgia Physicians Leadership Academy, which has
22 trained over 120 emerging physician leaders who now serve and will continue to serve the

23 Medical Association of Georgia at every level, where he is known as the "Jedi Master" to his
24 "Jedi," the physician leaders going through each class; and

25 WHEREAS, he has received numerous awards and recognition for his contributions to the
26 medical field, including the Medical Association of Georgia's Physicians Distinguished
27 Service Award, the Georgia Chapter of the American College of Physicians' Leadership
28 Award, and the American Academy of Ophthalmology's National Outstanding Advocate's
29 Award; and

30 WHEREAS, he is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
31 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

32 WHEREAS, Dr. Clark has been blessed with three remarkable daughters, Victoria, Evelyn,
33 and Alora, and an amazing grandchild named Archer; and

34 WHEREAS, Dr. Clark is passionate about his heritage and about Waycross-Ware County,
35 especially the Okefenokee Swamp Park, serving as its board chairman and interim executive
36 director; and

37 WHEREAS, he is instrumental in the advancement of the OSP Society, raising a substantial
38 amount of money for the organization; and

39 WHEREAS, the OSP Society operates with the mission of supporting youth educational
40 opportunities, conserving natural resources, and managing wildlife; and

41 WHEREAS, he has been the coordinator, organizer, and Armadillo Tribe leader, hosting
42 approximately 50 medical school classmates and special friends at the Annual Armadillo
43 Island Retreat on St. Simons Island for a week each year in the month of May, and celebrated
44 the 44th consecutive retreat in 2019; and

45 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
46 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

47 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
48 the members of this body recognize and commend Spurgeon William Clark III, MD, for his
49 efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated service to the State of Georgia and extend the
50 most sincere best wishes for continued success.

51 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
52 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
53 Spurgeon William Clark III, MD.