

## House Resolution 1124

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

## 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.