

Senate Resolution 950

By: Senators Lucas of the 26th, Kennedy of the 18th, Jackson of the 2nd, Harbison of the 15th, Watson of the 1st and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Mercer Rural Health Innovation Center; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Mercer Rural Health Innovation Center has a long and consistent record of
4 service to the community and this state and has been recognized as one of the most dynamic
5 and committed health centers in Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, this outstanding institution has had a tremendous impact on its community
7 through its spirit of service and desire to improve the quality of life of citizens in rural areas
8 of the state; and

9 WHEREAS, the center has established itself as a leader in rural health in a variety of ways,
10 including by implementing the Hospital Leadership Training Program for rural not-for-profit
11 hospitals and developing the Georgia Health Data Hub, a one-stop shop for information on
12 health in rural Georgia; and

13 WHEREAS, the Mercer Rural Health Innovation Center has established the Georgia Rural
14 Grand Challenges, a unifying framework for addressing rural Georgia's most challenging
15 problems, as well as a health collaborative in Twiggs County to address the county's health
16 disparities; it also implemented a mental health first aid training program in Georgia rural
17 counties; and

18 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments and
19 contributions of this extraordinary institution be appropriately recognized.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
21 recognize and commend the Mercer Rural Health Innovation Center for its important role in
22 improving the health of Georgians in rural areas.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
24 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the Mercer Rural
25 Health Innovation Center.