

## House Resolution 989

By: Representatives Jackson of the 148<sup>th</sup>, Childers of the 13<sup>th</sup>, Henson of the 65<sup>th</sup> and Randall of the 127<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Georgia's dental hygienists; recognizing Dental Hygienists' Appreciation Day  
2 on February 8, 2002; and inviting certain dental hygienists to appear before the House of  
3 Representatives; and for other purposes.
- 4 WHEREAS, dental hygienists have been promoting oral health and preventing oral disease  
5 in Georgia for 59 years as licensed oral healthcare professionals, and the first officers of the  
6 Georgia Dental Hygienists' Association were installed in 1927; and
- 7 WHEREAS, there are approximately 4,500 registered dental hygienists practicing in Georgia  
8 and 154 of the 159 counties in Georgia have licensed hygienists; and
- 9 WHEREAS, dental hygienists are specialists whose expert care contributes to the oral health  
10 of Georgians through preventative checkups, cleanings, and patient education; and
- 11 WHEREAS, many dental hygienists volunteer their time to serve the elderly, disabled, and  
12 indigent through such groups as the Georgia Oral Health Coalition, Healthy Mothers/Healthy  
13 Babies, and the Coalition of Advocates for Georgia's Elderly; and
- 14 WHEREAS, dental hygienists are essential healthcare professionals in dental offices, public  
15 health facilities, and public and private schools, and their participation in public policy  
16 discussions on oral healthcare in Georgia is highly valued.
- 17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
18 the members of this body recognize February 8, 2002, as Dental Hygienists' Appreciation  
19 Day and invite representatives from this health professional field to appear before the House  
20 of Representatives at a time to be determined by the Speaker.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 2 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Dental
- 3 Hygienists' Association.