

House Resolution 268

By: Representatives Jackson of the 148th, Day of the 153rd, Childers of the 13th, Randall of the 127th and Jordan of the 96th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Georgia's dental hygienists; recognizing Dental Hygienists Appreciation Day
2 on February 23, 2001; 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 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 valued.
- 17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
18 the members of this body recognize February 23, 2001, as Dental Hygienists Appreciation
19 Day and invite certain dental hygienists to appear before the House of Representatives at a
20 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.