

## House Resolution 250

By: Representatives Jackson of the 124<sup>th</sup>, Post 1 and Childers of the 13<sup>th</sup>, Post 1

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 21, 2003, as "Give Kids A Smile Day"; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the physical and mental health of our children is critical to the future well-being  
3 of our state and development of our nation. Guarding the health of our children and youth  
4 is imperative for society; and

5 WHEREAS, an important component of a child's general health is dental health, and learning  
6 and maintaining a routine of good oral hygiene is an important step in developing a healthy  
7 body; and

8 WHEREAS, the U.S. Surgeon General in 2000 declared a "silent epidemic" of untreated  
9 dental disease in thousands upon thousands of children in twenty-first century America who  
10 can't eat or sleep properly, can't pay attention in school, and can't smile because they're  
11 suffering from this easily preventable condition; and

12 WHEREAS, oral disease, the most prevalent chronic disease of childhood, continues to  
13 disproportionately affect low-income children; and

14 WHEREAS, the state recognizes the need to appropriately fund programs for dental services  
15 for Georgia's children to make proper dental care and treatment accessible to all.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
17 February 21, 2003, is recognized as "Give Kids A Smile Day" in Georgia where dentists will  
18 provide free dental care, free dental screenings, and free oral health kits containing  
19 toothbrush, toothpaste, and educational materials for thousands of Georgia's children.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
21 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Dental  
22 Association.