

Senate Resolution 278

By: Senators Stokes of the 43rd, Adelman of the 42nd and Balfour of the 9th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending the members of the Georgia Optometric Association; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, members of the Georgia Optometric Association are participating in the
3 Volunteers in Service in Our Nation (VISION) USA program which provides basic eye
4 health and vision care services, without charge, to individuals who have no other means of
5 obtaining care; and
- 6 WHEREAS, VISION USA is a nonprofit, tax-exempt charity developed by members of the
7 American Optometric Association with nearly 8,000 optometrists who volunteer their time
8 and professional services nationwide; and
- 9 WHEREAS, from July 2000 to February 2003, optometrists participating in the VISION
10 USA program have provided no-cost eye care to more than 15,000 low income children and
11 adults; and
- 12 WHEREAS, services provided through VISION USA include comprehensive eye
13 examinations; diagnoses of eye health, vision problems, or both; provision of prescription
14 eyeglasses when needed; and referrals to other health care professionals when appropriate;
15 and
- 16 WHEREAS, during the current 2002-2003 program, Georgia optometrists have provided
17 no-cost eye care to more than 700 low income children and adults.
- 18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
19 declare the month of March to be "Save Your Vision Month" in Georgia and commend and
20 congratulate the members of the Georgia Optometric Association for their enthusiastic
21 participation in the VISION USA program and for their many contributions to improving the
22 eye health and vision of the people of Georgia.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
- 2 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Robert Burns, President of the
- 3 Georgia Optometric Association.