

House Resolution 1674

By: Representatives Purcell of the 122nd, Channell of the 77th, Stephens of the 123rd, Coleman of the 118th, Parrish of the 102nd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the Georgia Medical Society and congratulating it on its 200th anniversary; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Georgia Medical Society was constituted on December 12, 1804, and has
4 been an active County Medical Society ever since; and

5 WHEREAS, the society's first president, Noble Wimberly Jones, landed in Georgia
6 alongside James Edward Oglethorpe; and

7 WHEREAS, the Georgia Medical Society is the oldest medical society in the United States
8 and presently boasts a membership of approximately 500 physicians practicing in the
9 Counties of Chatham, Effingham, Bryan, McIntosh, and Long; and

10 WHEREAS, society members were active in promoting the passage of laws for the licensure
11 of physicians, and in 1821, an Act was passed by the state legislature authorizing the society
12 to examine candidates and issue medical licenses; and

13 WHEREAS, the society was active in the development of Savannah Medical College, which
14 was chartered in 1838 but did not hold its first classes until 1854, and the Savannah Cancer
15 Clinic; and

16 WHEREAS, the society is proud of its long history of dedication to improving health care
17 for the community, and its members always provide enthusiastic help whenever a medical
18 need arises.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
20 the members of this body recognize the Georgia Medical Society and its contributions to
21 medicine and health care and congratulate it on the occasion of its 200th anniversary.

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 Medical
3 Society.