

Senate Resolution 567

By: Senator Butler of the 55th

#### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending the Georgia Optometric Association and encouraging citizens  
2 to participate in the InfantSEE program; and for other purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, the most critical stages of vision development occur in the first year of a child's  
4 life; and
- 5 WHEREAS, undetected eye and vision problems can lead to permanent vision impairment  
6 or loss of life; and
- 7 WHEREAS, one in ten children is at risk from undiagnosed eye and vision problems; and
- 8 WHEREAS, one in 30 children will be affected by amblyopia, a leading cause of vision loss  
9 in people younger than 45 years; and
- 10 WHEREAS, one in 20,000 children have retinoblastoma or intraocular cancer, the seventh  
11 most common pediatric cancer; and
- 12 WHEREAS, undetected vision problems can contribute to a decrease in a child's quality of  
13 life and may lead to developmental and behavioral difficulties which impede classroom  
14 learning, as well as increase the costs to society; and
- 15 WHEREAS, early detection of vision problems is the best way to treat and prevent  
16 permanent vision impairment; and
- 17 WHEREAS, member optometrists of the American Optometric Association, which includes  
18 the Georgia Optometric Association, have created InfantSEE, a public health program to  
19 provide a one-time, free eye assessment for infants six to 12 months of age.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that this body recognizes the  
2 profession of optometry and commends the members of the Georgia Optometric Association  
3 for dedicating their expertise and services to the infants of Georgia.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the citizens of Georgia are hereby encouraged to  
5 schedule an InfantSEE assessment for their infants.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
7 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Optometric Association.