

Senate Resolution 947

By: Senators Jackson of the 2nd, Carter of the 1st, James of the 35th and Hawkins of the 49th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing dental hygienists in Georgia and recognizing February 19, 2010, as "Dental
2 Hygienists' Appreciation Day"; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, dental hygienists, as licensed oral health care professionals, have been
4 promoting oral health and preventing oral disease in Georgia for over 68 years; and

5 WHEREAS, dental hygienists, as preventive specialists, contribute to the oral health of
6 Georgia residents and provide an essential service, contributing to their total health by
7 providing education and services to prevent disease; and

8 WHEREAS, regular preventive checkups and cleanings, brushing and flossing, eating a
9 well-balanced diet, and monitoring gums for signs of gum disease are basic steps to ensuring
10 good oral hygiene and care; and

11 WHEREAS, many dental hygienists voluntarily give of their time and talent to provide
12 educational and preventive oral health care services to special needs groups such as the
13 elderly, people with disabilities, and the underprivileged; and

14 WHEREAS, organizations and coalitions with participating dental hygienists include:
15 Healthy Mothers/Healthy Babies Coalition, Georgia Oral Health Coalition, and the Coalition
16 of Advocates for Georgia's Elderly (COAGE); and

17 WHEREAS, dental hygienists are essential in dental offices, public health facilities, schools,
18 private organizations, and research facilities to provide the best oral health care for all
19 citizens.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
21 recognize February 19, 2010, as "Dental Hygienists' Appreciation Day" in Georgia and

22 encourage our citizens to recognize dental hygienists for the vital services they provide in
23 maintaining good oral hygiene and dental health.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
25 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Dental Hygienists'
26 Association.