

## Senate Resolution 670

By: Senators Goggans of the 7th and Jackson of the 2nd

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Georgia Dental Association's Mission of Mercy; and for  
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Georgia Dental Association is the premier professional dental organization  
4 in this state, dedicated to promoting and upholding the highest standards of dentistry and  
5 patient care for all Georgians through education, advocacy, and professionalism; and

6 WHEREAS, the Georgia Dental Association was established in 1859 in Macon, Georgia, and  
7 its Foundation for Oral Health supports good oral health for Georgia's citizens through  
8 numerous community service programs throughout the state; and

9 WHEREAS, the Georgia Dental Association planned, organized, and implemented a  
10 two-day, 100 chair free dental clinic called the Georgia Mission of Mercy to provide dental  
11 care and treatment for low- and no-income Georgians; and

12 WHEREAS, the first Georgia Mission of Mercy clinic was held in Woodstock, Georgia, on  
13 August 12-13, 2011, with 1,400 volunteer partners, including dentists, dental hygienists,  
14 dental assistants, laboratory technicians, emergency medical technicians, and community  
15 volunteers; and

16 WHEREAS, the first Georgia Mission of Mercy resulted in the treatment of 2,179 patients  
17 and 11,275 procedures in two days, with the value of this free treatment estimated to be \$1.7  
18 million; and

19 WHEREAS, the Georgia Dental Association remains dedicated to advancing the profession  
20 of dentistry and improving the oral health of the public, and the citizens of Georgia are  
21 greatly served by this dedicated, professional organization.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
23 recognize and commend the Georgia Dental Association, its Foundation for Oral Health, and  
24 the 1,400 volunteers that provided free dental services to Georgia's needy at the first Georgia  
25 Mission of Mercy clinic.

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