

## House Resolution 1245

By: Representatives Cooper of the 41<sup>st</sup>, Jerguson of the 22<sup>nd</sup>, Jacobs of the 80<sup>th</sup>, Henson of the 87<sup>th</sup>, Wilkinson of the 52<sup>nd</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the Georgia Dental Association's Georgia Mission of Mercy; and for other  
2 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 organized in 1859 to promote good oral  
7 health and preventive dentistry, and today, with a membership of more than 3,300, this  
8 organization continues to promote dental health in this state; and

9 WHEREAS, proper oral care contributes to the overall health and well being of all citizens;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, low- and no-income adults may have difficulty receiving dental care; and

12 WHEREAS, on August 12-13, 2011, 1,383 volunteers, including dentists, dental hygienists,  
13 dental assistants, dental laboratory personnel, dental equipment technicians, physicians,  
14 nurses, pharmacists, dental and dental auxiliary students, office staff, and community  
15 volunteers, transformed the First Baptist Church of Woodstock into a full-scale dental clinic  
16 for the first Georgia Mission of Mercy, a two-day free dental clinic organized and  
17 implemented by the Georgia Dental Association and its Foundation for Oral Health; and

18 WHEREAS, volunteers performed over 1,400 X-rays and more than 11,000 procedures; and

19 WHEREAS, much needed dental care was provided to 2,179 Georgians; and

20 WHEREAS, the dental treatment provided is valued at more than \$1.7 million; and

21 WHEREAS, the Georgia Dental Association remains dedicated to advancing the profession  
22 of dentistry and improving the oral health of the public.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
24 the members of this body recognize the Georgia Dental Association and its Foundation for  
25 Oral Health for their efforts to improve the oral health of Georgians through their first  
26 Georgia Mission of Mercy.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
28 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Dental  
29 Association.