

House Resolution 736

By: Representatives Cooper of the 43rd, Watson of the 166th, Dempsey of the 13th, Clark of the 101st, Hatchett of the 150th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 21, 2013, as Georgia Surgeons' Day at the capitol; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, surgeons are medical doctors who have a minimum of five years' specialized
4 training after graduating from medical school; and

5 WHEREAS, surgeons are an integral part of all medical treatment because they form the
6 backbone of trauma care, are called to do emergency surgery, are capable of learning and
7 performing procedures beyond what they were trained to do in residency, and can take on the
8 function of other specialists in critical situations; surgery is one of the foundational
9 specialties of any medical staff in a hospital; and

10 WHEREAS, surgeons are specialists whose skills and training are highly valued in disaster
11 situations and on medical mission trips; and

12 WHEREAS, the United States Navy has recognized the importance of the specialty of
13 general surgery by requiring a general surgeon to be aboard an aircraft carrier before it can
14 leave the pier and by staffing all isolated duty station hospitals with a general surgeon.

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
16 the members of this body recognize the specialty of surgery and the surgeons of the state of
17 Georgia as a critically important and indispensable resource to the health and welfare of the
18 citizens of Georgia and recognize March 21, 2013, as Georgia Surgeons' Day at the capitol.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
20 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Society of the
21 American College of Surgeons.