

Senate Resolution 559

By: Senator Unterman of the 45th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of May 12, 2013 to May 18, 2013, as National Nursing Home Week;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the number of elderly Georgians is dramatically increasing every day; and

4 WHEREAS, 38,000 of our beloved citizens of Georgia are now residing in nursing homes,
5 and skilled nursing care and post-acute care centers have contributed immeasurably to the
6 heritage, success, and growth of our state; and

7 WHEREAS, our nursing home residents of any age or ability are themselves living history
8 and a precious resource that should be treasured by all Georgians; and

9 WHEREAS, the staff and volunteers who care for residents in nursing homes have built their
10 own unique traditions of providing quality care; and

11 WHEREAS, National Nursing Home Week shines a spotlight on the lifetime achievements
12 of patients and honors the work and dedication of caregivers who are proud to care for these
13 admirable men and women; and

14 WHEREAS, over 340 members of the Georgia Health Care Association are holding events
15 in observance of Nursing Home week guided by this year's national them of "Team Care:
16 Everyone Pitches In!"; and

17 WHEREAS, during this most special week, long-term care facilities across this state will
18 host events designed to recognize the fundamental role nursing homes play in the continuum
19 of long-term care; and

20 WHEREAS, Georgia citizens can visit their loved one, friend, or neighbor who resides in a
21 skilled nursing care center and show respect for all that they have given to society; and

22 visiting or volunteering time at a local care facility can bring honor to our fathers, mothers,
23 grandparents, and everyone in residence and can lift the spirits of caregivers; and

24 WHEREAS, every nursing home in Georgia welcomes visitors and volunteers to share in the
25 enrichment of community spirit with our elderly and disabled citizens.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
27 recognize the week of May 12, 2013 to May 18, 2013 as National Nursing Home Week.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
29 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Nursing Home Association.