

Senate Resolution 560

By: Senator Unterman of the 45th

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 SENATE that the members of this body
16 recognize the specialty of surgery and the surgeons of the state of Georgia as a critically
17 important and indispensable resource to the health and welfare of the citizens of Georgia and
18 recognize March 21, 2013, as Georgia Surgeons' Day at the capitol.

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