

## House Resolution 56

By: Representatives Benton of the 31<sup>st</sup>, Quick of the 117<sup>th</sup>, England of the 116<sup>th</sup>, and McCall of the 33<sup>rd</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the 200th birthday of Dr. Crawford W. Long and remembering his lifetime of  
2 achievement; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Crawford W. Long was born in Danielsville, Georgia, on November 1,  
4 1815, to James and Elizabeth Ware Long; and

5 WHEREAS, he attended Danielsville Academy and entered Franklin College, which is now  
6 known as the University of Georgia, when he was 14 years old; and

7 WHEREAS, he studied medicine under Dr. Grant in Jefferson, Georgia, for a year before  
8 attending Transylvania University in Lexington, Kentucky, for two years, at which point he  
9 transferred to the University of Pennsylvania Medical School in Philadelphia, from which  
10 he graduated in 1839; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Long traveled to New York and "walked the halls" of various city hospitals  
12 where he honed his skills as a doctor and surgeon, and when he was 24 years old he returned  
13 to Jefferson, Georgia, bought Dr. Grant's practice, and began his career as a country doctor;  
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Long made history on March 30, 1842, when he performed the first painless  
16 surgery in Jefferson, Georgia; and

17 WHEREAS, he opened a drugstore in Athens, Georgia, with his brother, Henry Russell,  
18 where he stockpiled as many medications as possible before the Civil War, making Athens  
19 one of the last places in the South to run out of manufactured medicines during the Civil  
20 War; and

21 WHEREAS, Dr. Long died on June 16, 1878, at the age of 62, when he collapsed due to  
22 either a stroke or cerebral hemorrhage after delivering a baby girl; and

23 WHEREAS, the Crawford W. Long Museum will hold a celebration of the physician's 200th  
24 birthday on October 31, 2015, in the Jefferson Public Square.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
26 the members of this body recognize the 200th birthday of Dr. Crawford W. Long and  
27 celebrate the accomplishments he made during his lifetime.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
29 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
30 Crawford W. Long Museum.