

## House Resolution 472

By: Representatives Wilkinson of the 52<sup>nd</sup>, Hitchens of the 161<sup>st</sup>, Powell of the 32<sup>nd</sup>, Waites of the 60<sup>th</sup>, Atwood of the 179<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Georgia Optometric Association for its outstanding service to the State of  
2 Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, on July 14, 1904, the Georgia Optical Association, the forerunner of the  
4 Georgia Optometric Association (GOA), was formed under the leadership of President C.E.  
5 Folsom; and

6 WHEREAS, in 1916, Georgia signed into law a piece of legislation which made it the 38th  
7 state in the United States to gain legalized optometry; and

8 WHEREAS, the practice of optometry in Georgia has undergone many changes in the past  
9 century, including greatly expanded requirements for professional training and tremendous  
10 scientific advancements in the equipment used for evaluating vision and eye health problems;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, the Georgia Optometric Association was a leader among southern states in  
13 adopting a strict set of rules of professionalism and ethics more than a half-century ago; and

14 WHEREAS, the 2015 session of the Georgia General Assembly is the 31st session in which  
15 the Georgia Optometric Association has presented a lapel pin to members of the House of  
16 Representatives and members of the Senate; and

17 WHEREAS, the first pins were designed and produced by the GOA in 1984, and the  
18 association has provided these pins to legislators prior to every session since that year; and

19 WHEREAS, the House of Representatives and the Senate adopted a special resolution in  
20 1989 that made the GOA's pin the official pin of the General Assembly of Georgia; and

21 WHEREAS, in 2007, the Georgia Optometric Association created a pin for the Georgia State  
22 Patrol that is intended to honor all those who serve and protect at the state capitol and at the  
23 Governor's mansion; and

24 WHEREAS, the Georgia Optometric Association is committed to serving the State of  
25 Georgia and its citizens, making it fitting and proper for this association to receive  
26 commendation.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
28 the members of this body commend the Georgia Optometric Association for its excellent  
29 service to the State of Georgia.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
31 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
32 Georgia Optometric Association.