

House Resolution 665

By: Representatives Hatchett of the 150th, Epps of the 144th, and Pruett of the 149th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 30, 2015, as Doctor's Day at the capitol; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the first Doctor's Day observance was March 30, 1933, in Winder, Georgia,
3 when Eudora Brown Almond started the tradition in honor of the anniversary of the first use
4 of general anesthetic in surgery, which occurred on March 30, 1842, in Jefferson, Georgia,
5 when Dr. Crawford Long used ether to remove a tumor from a patient's neck; and

6 WHEREAS, the Barrow County Medical Society Auxiliary proclaimed the day "Doctor's
7 Day," which was celebrated by mailing cards to physicians and their wives and by placing
8 flowers on the graves of deceased doctors, including Dr. Long's grave; and

9 WHEREAS, the United States House of Representatives adopted a resolution
10 commemorating Doctor's Day on March 30, 1958; and

11 WHEREAS, in 1990, the United States Congress overwhelmingly approved legislation
12 establishing a National Doctor's Day, President George H. W. Bush signed the resolution,
13 and the first national Doctor's Day was celebrated on March 30, 1991; and

14 WHEREAS, the Medical Society Alliance is an organization of physician spouses who
15 support the family of medicine in building healthy communities through various projects on
16 a county, state, and national level and supporting various causes such as prevention of
17 bullying, Stop America's Violence Everywhere, prescription drug abuse prevention, and safe
18 disposal of medicine.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
20 the members of this body recognize March 30, 2015, as Doctor's Day at the capitol.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
22 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
23 Laurens County Medical Society Alliance.