

Senate Resolution 79

By: Senators Wilkinson of the 50th, Anderson of the 24th, Black of the 8th, Ginn of the 47th, Kirk of the 13th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 8, 2017, as Veterinary Medicine Day at the state capitol; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Georgia veterinarians use their scientific knowledge and skills for the benefit
4 of society through the protection of animal health, the relief of animal suffering, the
5 conservation of livestock resources, the promotion of public health, and the advancement of
6 medical knowledge; and

7 WHEREAS, Georgia veterinarians protect the health and welfare of animals in this state that
8 serve as a source of companionship, nutrition, and education for the people of this state; and

9 WHEREAS, the Georgia Veterinary Medical Association has been the voice of organized
10 veterinary medicine for more than 100 years; and

11 WHEREAS, the Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine is appointed to protect,
12 promote, and preserve the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Georgia
13 through the regulation of licensed veterinarians, veterinary technicians, and faculty
14 veterinarians in this state; and

15 WHEREAS, those working in the field of veterinary medicine demonstrate great
16 compassion, understanding, and kindness for the animals in their care, and their dedication
17 and commitment to the betterment of the animal world is appreciated and acknowledged.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
19 commend those in the veterinary medicine field for their contributions toward improving the
20 health and welfare of animals throughout this state, including Georgia Veterinary Medical
21 Association President Dr. Sarah Wheat, Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine
22 President Dr. Henry Bohn, University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine's Interim
23 Dean Dr. Richard Keith Harris, Georgia Veterinary Medical Association Advocacy

24 Committee Chairman Dr. Vince Obsitnik, and Georgia Veterinary Medical Association
25 Executive Director Susan Blevins, and recognize February 8, 2017, as Veterinary Medicine
26 Day at the state capitol.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
28 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the individuals and
29 groups recognized herein.