

## Senate Resolution 22

By: Senators Wilkinson of the 50th, Anderson of the 24th, Black of the 8th, Walker III of the 20th and Sims of the 12th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending those in the veterinary medicine field and recognizing January 30, 2019, as  
2 Veterinary Medicine Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

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

7 WHEREAS, Georgia veterinarians protect the health and welfare of animals who serve as  
8 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; and

18 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper to recognize the following distinguished  
19 members of the veterinary medicine community in Georgia: Georgia Veterinary Medical  
20 Association President Dr. Mike Zager, Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine President  
21 Dr. Beckey Malphus, University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine's Dean Lisa  
22 Nolan, Georgia Veterinary Medical Association Advocacy Committee Chairman Dr. Vince  
23 Obsitnik, and Georgia Veterinary Medical Association Executive Director Susan Blevins.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
25 commend those in the veterinary medicine field for improving the health and welfare of  
26 animals throughout the state and recognize January 30, 2019, as Veterinary Medicine Day  
27 at the state capitol.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
29 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Dr. Mike Zager, Dr.  
30 Beckey Malphus, Dean Lisa Nolan, Dr. Vince Obsitnik, and Executive Director Susan  
31 Blevins.