

## House Resolution 551

By: Representatives Hawkins of the 27<sup>th</sup>, Howard of the 124<sup>th</sup>, and Smyre of the 135<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Louvenia Rainge; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, on July 18, 2020, Dr. Louvenia Rainge was installed as the 152nd president of  
3 the Georgia Dental Association (GDA), the premier professional organization of dentists in  
4 the State of Georgia formed in 1869 with over 3,600 members; and

5 WHEREAS, because of her status as a well-respected member of the dental community in  
6 Georgia, her long-standing commitment to the dental profession, and her passion for service,  
7 Dr. Rainge was elected as the first female African American president of the GDA; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Rainge was born and raised in Nahunta, Georgia, where she graduated as  
9 the valedictorian of her class at Brantley County High School; obtained her bachelor's degree  
10 from Georgia Southern University; graduated from the Medical College of Georgia School  
11 of Dentistry (now known as the Dental College of Georgia) with a Doctor of Dental  
12 Medicine; and has practiced general dentistry in the Augusta area for over 30 years; and

13 WHEREAS, in addition to her numerous leadership roles within the GDA during her 30  
14 years of membership, Dr. Rainge's professional accomplishments include recognition as a

15 fellow of the American College of Dentists, International College of Dentists, and Pierre  
16 Fauchard Academy, as well as honorable fellow of the GDA; and

17 WHEREAS, through her perseverance, skill as a dentist, and leadership, Dr. Rainge is  
18 recognized both in the Augusta area and throughout the state for her commitment to her  
19 community and patients as well as for her passion for providing dental care to low-income,  
20 rural, and underserved patients through such initiatives as Children's Dental Health Month;  
21 the GDA's Georgia Mission of Mercy events; and the Pampered Smiles Project, which offers  
22 free dental care for victims of domestic violence; and

23 WHEREAS, Dr. Rainge continues to serve as a steward for the future dentists and healthcare  
24 professionals of this state as a member of the Alumni Board for the Dental College of  
25 Georgia, and because of these endeavors, she has been named Alumnus of the Year by both  
26 the Dental College of Georgia at Augusta University and the College of Science and  
27 Mathematics at Georgia Southern University; and

28 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that her many accomplishments be  
29 recognized as the embodiment of honor, compassion, community service, unity,  
30 perseverance, courage, and commitment to the dental profession.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
32 the members of this body recognize and commend Dr. Louvenia Rainge for her professional  
33 accomplishments and her service as the first female African American president of the  
34 Georgia Dental Association.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
36 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Dr.  
37 Louvenia Rainge.