

Senate Resolution 848

By: Senators Dixon of the 45th, Still of the 48th, Payne of the 54th, Dickerson of the 21st, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the benefits and contributions of purebred dogs to the State of Georgia and
2 recognizing May 1, 2026, as Georgia Purebred Dog Day; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, dedicated individuals in Georgia breed dogs to develop unique, predictable
4 characteristics that enable dogs to excel in a wide range of beneficial areas; and

5 WHEREAS, purebred dogs are living legacies of the cultures that created them; and

6 WHEREAS, historically these dogs worked alongside their people and provided them
7 companionship; and

8 WHEREAS, today, the service of these breeds continues as they work alongside humans and
9 provide inestimable companionship while serving as guide dogs, service dogs, conservation
10 dogs, livestock guardians, search and rescue dogs, earth dogs, police dogs, canine soldiers
11 serving by the sides of our military men and women, and ultimately guardians of family,
12 home, and hearth; and

13 WHEREAS, purebred dogs have been of enormous help to medical science, serving as
14 models for many heritable human diseases, playing a role in humanity's understanding of the
15 human and canine genomes, and benefiting pharmaceutical research and development; and

16 WHEREAS, purebred dogs are working dogs, serving as avalanche dogs, trackers and
17 trailers, herders, controllers of vermin, water rescuers, carting and sled dogs, retrievers,
18 protectors, hunters, and bird dogs, and always they are the heartbeat of a companion near and
19 dear to humans; and

20 WHEREAS, all dogs should be valued, whatever their ancestry, but the purpose-bred dog
21 and the predictability of its breed should be cherished and preserved; and

22 WHEREAS, each breed is indelibly etched in the history of the culture that created it just as
23 surely as that culture's music, art, and language.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
25 commend the many contributions of purebred dogs to society in this state, offer thanks for
26 those breeders and caregivers who breed and raise purebred dogs, and recognize May 1,
27 2026, as Georgia Purebred Dog Day.

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 the public and the
30 press.