

House Resolution 1060

By: Representatives Hatchett of the 150th, Hawkins of the 27th, Cooper of the 43rd, Beskin of the 54th, Burns of the 159th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the member dentists of the Georgia Dental Association and recognizing
2 February 7, 2018, as Georgia Dental Association Day at the state capitol; and for other
3 purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the member dentists of the Georgia Dental Association are respected civic
5 leaders and business owners who believe in removing the barriers that are preventing people
6 in their communities from accessing dental care and in educating the public on the benefits
7 of proper oral hygiene; and

8 WHEREAS, prevention of dental disease also serves as a way of preventing complications
9 during pregnancy and with diabetic patients; and

10 WHEREAS, good oral hygiene can positively impact a person's confidence and enhance their
11 prospects for gainful employment; and

12 WHEREAS, each year, February is recognized as Children's Dental Health Month, during
13 which members of the Georgia Dental Association offer free oral health instruction and
14 educational activities to pre-kindergarten and school-aged children throughout the State of
15 Georgia; and

16 WHEREAS, as part of Children's Dental Health Month, February 2, 2018, was set aside as
17 Give Kids a Smile Day, during which Georgia Dental Association members once again
18 donated free dental services and oral health education to underserved children throughout
19 Georgia; and

20 WHEREAS, each year, members of the Georgia Dental Association provide free dental
21 health services at the Georgia Special Olympics Summer Games and Master Bowling
22 Tournament; and

23 WHEREAS, since 2011, the Georgia Dental Association has hosted a Mission of Mercy,
24 where low-income and underserved adults from across the state receive free dental treatment
25 from thousands of volunteer dentists and dental health professionals, who have performed
26 over 32,000 procedures, for a total of more than \$5.1 million in donated care; and

27 WHEREAS, the Georgia Dental Association established a state-wide Donated Dental
28 Services Program to provide free, comprehensive dental treatment and laboratories for adults
29 with disabilities and those who are elderly or medically fragile; and

30 WHEREAS, Georgia licensed dentists and members of the Georgia Dental Association
31 consistently provide millions of dollars in donated care by volunteering to work with the free
32 and charitable dental clinics located throughout the state; and

33 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary members of the
34 Georgia Dental Association be honored for their long-standing commitment and dedication
35 to promoting the oral health of all of Georgia's citizens and for protecting the safety of their
36 patients.

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
38 the members of this body commend the member dentists of the Georgia Dental Association
39 and recognize February 7, 2018, as Georgia Dental Association Day at the state capitol.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
41 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
42 public and press.