

Senate Resolution 708

By: Senators Jones of the 10th, Wicks of the 34th, Orrock of the 36th, Jackson of the 41st, Anderson of the 43rd and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Randy Kluender; and for other purposes.

- 2 WHEREAS, Dr. Randy Kluender serves as the President and Board of Trustees Member of
3 the Georgia School of Orthodontics; and

- 4 WHEREAS, Dr. Kluender began his distinguished career in 1979 in a private pediatric dental
5 practice and later transitioned into dental education in 1985; and

- 6 WHEREAS, he brings a wealth of expertise to the Georgia School of Orthodontics from his
7 extensive experience as a clinician, educator, and administrator; his service at the University
8 of Colorado School of Dental Medicine; and his dedicated leadership with the American
9 College of Dentists and Omicron Kappa Upsilon; and

- 10 WHEREAS, during his tenure as a faculty member and administrator at the University of
11 Colorado, he secured over \$2.5 million in grant funding, with the majority of those funds
12 starting new programs to help people in need; and

- 13 WHEREAS, Dr. Kluender passionately supports his community, working on legislative
14 issues impacting oral health, informing legislators about the relationship between oral health

15 and general health, diversity in the healthcare workforce, student indebtedness and financial
16 aid, and funding for dental schools in the United States; and

17 WHEREAS, these issues also include advocating for additional funding for oral health care
18 for the underserved, the continuation of Graduate Medical Education (GME) funding for
19 dental schools, and loan repayment strategies for students, dentists, and new dental faculty;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, he also advocates for increasing funding to the National Institute of Health and
22 the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research, which provides significant
23 financial support for research grants to health science centers and dental schools in the
24 United States; and

25 WHEREAS, Dr. Kluender's dedication, expertise, and leadership was recognized by the
26 American Dental Education Association's Leadership Institute when he was selected for its
27 Harry Bruce Legislative Fellowship in Washington, D.C; and

28 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the achievements of this outstanding
29 educator, leader, advocate, and clinician be appropriately honored.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
31 recognize and commend Dr. Randy Kluender and extend their sincere best wishes for his
32 continued health, happiness, and success.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
34 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Dr. Randy
35 Kluender.