

House Resolution 1323

By: Representatives Hong of the 103rd, Jenkins of the 136th, and Howard of the 71st

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;

5 WHEREAS, purebred dogs are living legacies of the cultures that created them, and
6 historically these dogs worked alongside their people and provided them companionship;

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

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

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

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

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

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
24 the members of this body commend the many contributions of purebred dogs to society in
25 this State and recognize May 1, 2026, as Georgia Purebred Dog Day.

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