

House Resolution 1306

By: Representative Silcox of the 53rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Ben Massell Dental Clinic; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the Ben Massell Dental Clinic, Atlanta's only free, all-volunteer dental clinic,
3 has been providing free dental services to the most vulnerable populations in the City of
4 Atlanta for almost 100 years; and

5 WHEREAS, more than 100 dentists volunteer their time each month at the clinic, many of
6 whom have served the clinic for decades. Its volunteers provide the highest-quality oral
7 health care to the indigent, low-income, and uninsured and expand access to oral healthcare
8 to all; and

9 WHEREAS, its volunteers' impact is significant in the health care landscape of the city. They
10 serve thousands of patients each year, and last year they provided more than \$3 million in
11 donated services. General dentists and specialists perform services in periodontics, oral
12 surgery, endodontics, prosthodontics, and orthodontics; and

13 WHEREAS, the Ben Massell Dental Clinic and volunteers provide wraparound services to
14 ensure the overall well-being of patients, including hypertension and diabetes screening,

15 vision care, oral health education and prevention, mental health counseling, and social
16 services; and

17 WHEREAS, its volunteers are leaders of the agency who ensure the longevity of the clinic
18 through strategic partnerships, philanthropy, board service, and advocacy. The Ben Massell
19 Dental Clinic relies on their direction and service to continue its governance and operations;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, the Ben Massell Dental Clinic volunteer dentists have established themselves
22 as caring leaders in the dental and overall community who inspire others to give their time,
23 and it is an honor to recognize them for their service and dedication to the city.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
25 the members of this body recognize and commend the Ben Massell Dental Clinic for its
26 dedicated service to the citizens of Georgia and extend best wishes for continued success.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
28 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
29 Ben Massell Dental Clinic.