

## House Resolution 638

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the benefits and contributions of purebred dogs to the State of Georgia and  
2 recognizing May, 1, 2017, as Georgia Purebred Dog Day at the state capitol; and for other  
3 purposes.

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

6 WHEREAS, purebred dogs are living legacies of the cultures that created them, and  
7 historically these dogs worked alongside their people and provided them 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 guardians of family, home, and  
12 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 benefitting 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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
25 the members of this body commend those breeders and caregivers who breed and raise  
26 purebred dogs which benefit all of society and the many contributions of purebred dogs in  
27 this state and recognize May 1, 2017, as Georgia Purebred Dog Day at the state capitol.

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