

Senate Resolution 553

By: Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Walker III of the 20th, Anderson of the 24th, Watson of the 1st, Strickland of the 17th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 8, 2024, as Dental Hygienists Appreciation Day; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, dental hygienists, as licensed oral health care professionals, have been
4 promoting oral health and preventing oral disease in Georgia for over 75 years; and

5 WHEREAS, dental hygienists, as preventive specialists, contribute to the oral health of
6 Georgia residents and provide an essential service, contributing to their total health by
7 providing education and services to prevent disease; and

8 WHEREAS, regular preventive checkups and cleanings, brushing and flossing, eating a
9 well-balanced diet, and monitoring gums for signs of gum disease are basic steps to ensuring
10 good oral hygiene and care; and

11 WHEREAS, many dental hygienists voluntarily give of their time and talent to provide
12 educational and preventive oral health care services to special needs groups such as the
13 elderly, people with disabilities, and the underprivileged; and

14 WHEREAS, dental hygienists are essential in dental offices, public health facilities, schools,
15 private organizations, and research facilities to provide the best oral health care for all
16 citizens.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
18 recognize February 8, 2024, as Dental Hygienists Appreciation Day in the State of Georgia
19 and encourage our citizens to honor dental hygienists for the vital services they provide in
20 maintaining good oral hygiene and dental health.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
22 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the Georgia Dental
23 Hygienists' Association.