

Senate Resolution 614

By: Senators Henson of the 41st, Butler of the 55th, Jones of the 10th, Jackson of the 2nd, Unterman of the 45th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating Dr. Douglas B. Torbush for his successful 25 years in dentistry and
2 commending him for his outstanding performance as president of the Georgia Dental
3 Association; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, within the Georgia Dental Association, there are many dentists who provide
5 outstanding professional clinical care to their patients, strengthen their communities as small
6 business owners, and sustain those in financial need with charitable outreach services; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Douglas B. Torbush is a Georgia Dental Association member dentist and
8 a skilled health care professional whose successful dental practice has contributed to the
9 well-being of Conyers, Georgia, and whose dedicated volunteer service has improved the
10 lives of hundreds of economically disadvantaged Georgians; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Torbush honorably served as the 2014-2015 president of the Georgia Dental
12 Association, the premier professional organization of dentists in the state committed to
13 improving oral health in Georgia and continuously promoting the highest standards of
14 dentistry through education, advocacy, and professionalism; and

15 WHEREAS, this dedicated health care professional opened a dental practice in Conyers 25
16 years ago after his graduation from the Emory University School of Dentistry, and since that
17 time, he has not only generated numerous employment opportunities for his fellow dental
18 professionals and support staff but also provided oral health education, dental treatment,
19 healthy smiles, and better lives for thousands of Georgians who have selected him as their
20 dentist; and

21 WHEREAS, Dr. Torbush has served with distinction at every level of his professional
22 organization, from serving as president of his component dental society in metro Atlanta to
23 assuming numerous committee and council leadership positions at the national level with the

24 American Dental Association, at all times making sincerely valued contributions to key
25 professional and patient-centered initiatives; and

26 WHEREAS, Dr. Torbush gladly and wholeheartedly devotes himself to a variety of
27 charitable dental causes, including the Georgia Mission of Mercy, Special Olympics Special
28 Smiles, TeamSmile, A Voice for Hope, the 150 Faces Campaign, the Hebron Clinic in
29 Lawrenceville, Georgia, and Mercy Heart Clinic in Athens, Georgia; and

30 WHEREAS, Dr. Torbush is noted as a teacher and mentor, much decorated with professional
31 honors and inductions into dental honor societies, a graduate of Leadership DeKalb, a deacon
32 at Smoke Rise Baptist Church, a board member of the Decatur Rotary Club, and deeply
33 respected throughout his community and the State of Georgia.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
35 congratulate Dr. Douglas B. Torbush for 25 successful years in dentistry, commend him for
36 his outstanding performance as president of the Georgia Dental Association, and extend to
37 him their most sincere best wishes for continued health, happiness, and success.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
39 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Dr. Douglas B.
40 Torbush.