

Senate Resolution 976

By: Senator Black of the 8th

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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; and

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 as guardians of family,
11 home, and hearth; and

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 benefiting 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 they are the heartbeat of a companion near and
18 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 ought to be cherished and preserved; and

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

23 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper to recognize the outstanding contributions of
24 purebred dogs to this state.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
26 commend the benefits and contributions of purebred dogs, express gratitude toward those
27 who breed and raise purebred dogs for the benefit of society, and recognize May 1 as
28 Georgia Purebred Dog Day at the state capitol.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
30 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the
31 press.