

House Resolution 188

By: Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Dempsey of the 13th, Hatchett of the 150th, Silcox of the 52nd, and Newton of the 123rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Dental College of Georgia at Augusta University on the
2 occasion of its 50th anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Dental College of Georgia (DCG) welcomed its first class of students in
4 1969 as a result of the efforts of many individuals but led by Dr. Judson C. Hickey, Dr. Louis
5 Boucher, and Dr. Thomas Zwemer, with the goal of preparing young people to provide
6 compassionate and innovative oral health care for the citizens of Georgia and beyond by
7 emphasizing education, patient care, research, and service; and

8 WHEREAS, 50 years later, the goal remains the same; and

9 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia, the General Assembly, and many benefactors generously
10 provided funding for a new state-of-the-art facility, which opened in 2011; and

11 WHEREAS, the sole dental college in this state, the DCG has nearly 400 students and 60
12 residents enrolled annually; and

13 WHEREAS, there are currently eight residency programs, including Advanced Education
14 in General Dentistry, Endodontics, General Practice, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery,
15 Orthodontics, Pediatric Dentistry, Periodontics, and Prosthodontics; and

16 WHEREAS, additionally, there is a fellowship in Esthetic and Implant Dentistry; and

17 WHEREAS, all of these programs provide advanced education in specialized areas of
18 dentistry; and

19 WHEREAS, for over 13 years, the DCG has been responsible for community outreach
20 through the Health Resources Service Administration funding with senior dental students
21 providing oral health services at more than 25 different clinical sites in underserved areas of

22 Georgia, including clinics in Albany, the greater Atlanta area, Augusta, Columbus, Dalton,
23 Gainesville, Greensboro, Jonesboro, Rochelle, Savannah, and Waynesboro.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
25 the members of this body recognize the Dental College of Georgia at Augusta University on
26 the occasion of its 50th anniversary and commend its contribution to educating the dentists
27 of Georgia.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
29 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
30 Dental College of Georgia at Augusta University.