

Senate Resolution 679

By: Senators Jones of the 25th, Anderson of the 24th, Brass of the 28th, Strickland of the 17th and Sims of the 12th

A RESOLUTION

1 Welcoming the groundhog, General Beauregard Lee, to Butts County and recognizing
2 February 2, 2018, as Groundhog Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, General Beauregard Lee, the groundhog who once resided at the Yellow River
4 Game Ranch near Lilburn, has been moved to Dauset Trails Nature Center, a nonprofit
5 education and recreational center which will carry on the tradition of Groundhog Day on
6 February 2, 2018; and

7 WHEREAS, in mid-December, after 62 years in operation as a home to injured and neglected
8 animals, the Yellow River Game Ranch closed suddenly; and

9 WHEREAS, upon closing, an offer was made to transfer some of the animals to Dauset
10 Trails, including the groundhog General Beauregard Lee; and

11 WHEREAS, the workers there are still preparing the exhibit in which the General will live,
12 and as a result he is not yet on public display; and

13 WHEREAS, he will make his debut during the Groundhog Day celebration, which will be
14 held at sunrise on February 2, 2018, around 7:30 A.M.; and

15 WHEREAS, the Groundhog Day celebration was a longstanding tradition at Yellow River
16 Game Ranch, and according to this tradition, if a groundhog emerges on Groundhog Day and
17 sees his shadow, there will be six more weeks of winter, and if there is no shadow, there will
18 be an early spring; and

19 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that we honor and recognize this annual
20 tradition.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
22 welcome the groundhog, General Beauregard Lee, to Butts County and recognize February 2,
23 2018, as Groundhog Day at the state capitol.

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