

Senate Resolution 708

By: Senators James of the 35th and Rhett of the 33rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 4, 2024, as Podiatry Day at the Capitol; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, podiatrists are licensed in the diagnosis and treatment of the pathologies of the
3 foot, ankle, and leg, and they play an essential and significant role in the multi-disciplinary
4 team for limb salvage; and

5 WHEREAS, because feet are complex anatomical structures, all-in-one stabilizers, shock
6 absorbers, and propulsion engines that are instrumental to overall health and well-being, they
7 require specialized expert care; and

8 WHEREAS, this care extends even to children and teens, whose feet are still developing and
9 are susceptible to a variety of conditions as they grow; and

10 WHEREAS, doctors of podiatric medicine (DPM) are in dire need right now as our nation
11 faces an epidemic of patients with lower extremity complications due to poor circulation and
12 diabetes, which disproportionately demonstrate morbidity and mortality for people of color
13 or with limited financial resources; and

14 WHEREAS, people of color are disproportionately receiving premature amputations of their
15 feet and toes, with statistics showing that those who receive these amputations die on average
16 within five years post-operation; and

17 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that these remarkable medical providers be
18 appropriately honored for the importance of their work in ensuring positive health outcomes
19 for affected individuals both in this state and this nation.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
21 recognize March 4, 2024, as Podiatry Day at the Capitol.

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