

Senate Resolution 778

By: Senator James of the 35th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 21, 2020, as Georgia Election Officials and Registrars Day at the state
2 capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Voter Registrar's Association of Georgia (VRAG) was established in 1969
4 for the purpose of educating, assisting, and communicating the Georgia Election Code to
5 registrars throughout the State of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, the Georgia Election Officials Association (GEOA) was established in 1985 for
7 the purpose of educating, assisting, and communicating the Georgia Election Code to all
8 election officials and probate judges serving as election superintendents throughout the State
9 of Georgia; and

10 WHEREAS, it is a registrar's responsibility to register individuals to vote, to keep records
11 of these individuals, and to issue absentee ballots; and

12 WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of election superintendents and probate judges to conduct
13 elections and maintain voting equipment; and

14 WHEREAS, both VRAG and GEOA meet annually at conferences that are organized by the
15 University of Georgia's Carl Vinson Institute of Government and have their own executive
16 boards which provide guidance and plans for training material for these conferences; and

17 WHEREAS, in 2017, VRAG and GEOA voted to combine and become a joined association
18 and become one with the majority of Georgia counties combining boards in their individual
19 counties; and

20 WHEREAS, recognizing the vital importance elections play in the foundation of any
21 democratic system of governance, current voting machines will be replaced with new

22 electronic voting machines, completely replacing the system in time for the March 2020
23 Georgia presidential primary; and

24 WHEREAS, election officials and registration officials pledge to freedom and democracy
25 and uphold strict and high standards of conduct within their profession so that the public may
26 have due confidence in them while exercising their right to vote; and

27 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the hard work and high standards of all
28 election officials and registrars in the State of Georgia be appropriately recognized.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
30 recognize February 21, 2020, as Georgia Election Officials and Registrars Day at the state
31 capitol.

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