

House Resolution 1657

By: Representative Williams of the 145th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 22, 2018, as Georgia Academy of Audiology Day at the state capitol;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, millions of Americans, including many Georgians, are affected by hearing loss
4 and balance disorders; and

5 WHEREAS, those impacted by such maladies are both children and adults; and

6 WHEREAS, audiologists work collaboratively with other health care professionals to
7 provide evaluations and treatment options for hearing losses and balance disorders; and

8 WHEREAS, audiologists are licensed professionals in the State of Georgia, and many hold
9 a clinical doctorate in audiology (AuD) or other doctoral degrees from accredited
10 universities; and

11 WHEREAS, audiologists have undergone specialized training programs in identification,
12 assessment, and treatment of hearing and balance disorders, and they also educate Georgians
13 about preventive techniques for avoiding auditory damage; and

14 WHEREAS, Georgia audiologists work in various settings, including private practice,
15 hospitals, clinics, physician offices, universities, pre-k through 12 schools, and government
16 and military practices; and

17 WHEREAS, Georgia has no university conferring an AuD degree, but this state is home to
18 504 licensed audiologists; and

19 WHEREAS, many of Georgia's licensed audiologists are members of the Georgia Academy
20 of Audiology, a nonprofit organization made up of 103 audiologists and friends of audiology

21 that was established on October 1, 2001, to advance the profession of audiology in the state;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, many of the Georgia Academy of Audiology's members are also members of
24 the national professional organization, the American Academy of Audiology (AAA), and its
25 members also work closely with the Academy of Doctors of Audiology (ADA), and the
26 American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA); and

27 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the Georgia Academy of Audiology's
28 outstanding health care services and leadership on health care policy be appropriately
29 recognized.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
31 the members of this body recognize March 22, 2018, as Georgia Academy of Audiology Day
32 at the state capitol; commend the Georgia Academy of Audiology for its years of efficient,
33 effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to the citizens of this state; and extend to
34 the organization their most sincere best wishes.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
36 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
37 Georgia Academy of Audiology.