

House Resolution 377

By: Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Newton of the 127th, Jasperse of the 11th, Mathiak of the 74th, Greene of the 154th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing the Georgia Academy of Audiology; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, about two to three out of every 1,000 children in the United States are born with
3 a detectable level of hearing loss in one or both ears; and
- 4 WHEREAS, one in eight people in the United States aged 12 years or older have hearing loss
5 in both ears based on standard hearing examinations; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Georgia is not immune to aforementioned national statistics and annually
7 Georgia's children and adults are impacted by hearing loss and balance disorders; and
- 8 WHEREAS, audiologists work collaboratively with other healthcare professionals as well
9 as on their own to provide evaluations and treatment options for hearing losses and balance
10 disorders as well as education about prevention efforts; and
- 11 WHEREAS, these audiologists are Georgia-licensed professionals with many holding Doctor
12 of Audiology (AuD) degrees or other doctoral degrees from accredited universities with
13 specialized training programs in the identification, assessment, and treatment of hearing and
14 balance disorders; and

15 WHEREAS, these professionals work in private practices, hospitals, clinics, physician
16 offices, universities, pre-k through 12 schools, and government and military practices; and

17 WHEREAS, many Georgia-licensed audiologists are members of the Georgia Academy of
18 Audiology, a nonprofit organization made up of audiologists and friends of audiology that
19 advances the profession of audiology in the state through leadership, advocacy, education,
20 public awareness, and support of research; and

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

25 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
26 organization and its members be appropriately recognized for the healthcare services
27 provided to Georgians, including their leadership on healthcare policy.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body recognize and commend Georgia Academy of Audiology for its
30 years of efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to the citizens of this state
31 and extend to the organization their most sincere best wishes.

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