

## House Resolution 902

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring and commending the individual member organizations and their staff. as members  
2 of Service Providers Association for Developmental Disabilities (SPADD) and celebrating  
3 their day at the Capitol on January 16, 2020; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Service Providers Association for Developmental Disabilities was created in  
5 2002 and is a Georgia nonprofit organization that provides guidance and support to its  
6 membership in their provision of support and services to more than 9,000 Georgians with  
7 intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) through its member organizations; and

8 WHEREAS, Service Providers Association for Developmental Disabilities is an organization  
9 dedicated to helping its member organizations serve citizens with intellectual and  
10 developmental disabilities through advocacy, education, and best practice support, which  
11 enables people to become full citizens in their local communities throughout the great State  
12 of Georgia and includes them in managing their lives; and

13 WHEREAS, Service Providers Association for Developmental Disabilities members' staff  
14 includes an array of professionals, including direct support professionals, nurses, therapists,  
15 and others, who provide individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities with  
16 quality support through employment, engaging day support services and homes of their own,  
17 as well as an array of life skill support and other essential support services, helping them  
18 achieve the best possible outcomes for their lives; and

19 WHEREAS, Service Providers Association for Developmental Disabilities provides through  
20 its member organizations support for Georgia's most vulnerable citizens with intellectual and  
21 developmental disabilities of all ages and regardless of complexity of need; and

22 WHEREAS, a goal of Service Providers Association for Developmental Disabilities is to  
23 support organizations and the individuals they serve in maintaining their independence and

24 enhancing their quality of life, thus ensuring that those Georgians with intellectual and  
25 developmental disabilities are included in all aspects of community life; and

26 WHEREAS, Service Providers Association for Developmental Disabilities and its member  
27 organizations recognize that each individual must be treated with the same respect and  
28 dignity as any other Georgia citizen and receive the support they need, tailored to their goals  
29 and dreams; and

30 WHEREAS, Service Providers Association for Developmental Disabilities and its members  
31 also work as a partner with local communities and related Georgia governmental entities.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
33 the members of this body honor and commend the work of Service Providers Association for  
34 Developmental Disabilities (SPADD), its compassionate member organizations, and their  
35 vital personnel for the selfless work they do in providing support to Georgians most  
36 vulnerable citizens with intellectual and developmental disabilities and celebrate with them  
37 their day at the Capitol on January 16, 2020.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
39 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to  
40 representatives of Service Providers Association for Developmental Disabilities.