

## Senate Resolution 173

By: Senators Brass of the 28th, Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Robertson of the 29th, Dolezal of the 27th and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing the Georgia Speech-Language-Hearing Association; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, roughly 5 to 10 percent of Americans may have communication disorders; and
- 3 WHEREAS, over 3 million Americans stutter and nearly 7 percent of Americans have some  
4 form of language impairment; and
- 5 WHEREAS, one in 25 adults and nearly 25 percent of children experience swallowing and/or  
6 feeding disorders; and
- 7 WHEREAS, roughly 37.5 million Americans report hearing trouble; and
- 8 WHEREAS, many of these disorders are caused by various things including genetics, age,  
9 injury, disease and illness, and noise exposure; and
- 10 WHEREAS, speech-language pathologists, also known as SLPs, and audiologists are among  
11 the health care professionals providing hearing screening, evaluations, diagnoses, treatments,  
12 and management for these hearing losses and communication and/or swallowing disorders;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Georgia Speech-Language-Hearing Association's members are licensed  
15 professionals, with many holding advanced degrees from accredited universities with special  
16 training programs; and

17 WHEREAS, Georgia Speech-Language-Hearing Association is a nonprofit professional  
18 association made up of speech-language pathologists and audiologists; and

19 WHEREAS, the Georgia Speech-Language-Hearing Association works to advance the  
20 interests of speech-language pathologists, audiologists, and the public through education,  
21 mentoring, advocacy, resources, and service to ensure communication for all; and

22 WHEREAS, the Georgia Speech-Language-Hearing Association advocates for the  
23 profession, its members, and the individuals they serve as well as provides continuing  
24 education opportunities for its membership; and

25 WHEREAS, the Georgia Speech-Language-Hearing Association's members provide services  
26 in various settings, including hospitals, rehabilitation centers, clinics, physicians' offices,  
27 private practices, client homes, pre-K through grade 12 schools, universities, and government  
28 and military practices; and

29 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
30 distinguished organization be appropriately recognized for the health care and educational  
31 services its members provide to Georgia citizens.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
33 commend the Georgia Speech-Language-Hearing Association and its members for their

34 many years of tireless, efficient, effective, and dedicated public service to Georgians and  
35 extend best wishes for continued success.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
37 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the Georgia  
38 Speech-Language-Hearing Association.