

## Senate Resolution 174

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 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 SENATE that the members of this body  
29 recognize and commend Georgia Academy of Audiology for its years of efficient, effective,  
30 unselfish, and dedicated public service to the citizens of this state and extend to the  
31 organization their most sincere best wishes.

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