

Senate Resolution 561

By: Senators Seay of the 34th, Chance of the 16th, Butler of the 55th, Henson of the 41st and Davenport of the 44th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Outspoken Therapy Services, Inc., on the occasion of the
2 organization's tenth anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the mission of Outspoken Therapy Services, Inc., is to provide early childhood
4 intervention for effective communication; and

5 WHEREAS, founded by Wendy Seay Oliver, Ph.D, Outspoken Therapy Services, Inc.,
6 focuses on serving the pediatric population, three to 12 years of age; and

7 WHEREAS, according to the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA), one
8 in seven Americans has a speech, language, or swallowing disorder; and

9 WHEREAS, activities many of us take for granted, such as speaking on the phone, speaking
10 up in class, and understanding instructions, all require speech and language skills; and

11 WHEREAS, speech and language disorders, if untreated, can lead to poor academic, social,
12 and career performance; early detection and treatment of speech and language disorders is
13 critical; and

14 WHEREAS, Outspoken Therapy Services, Inc., focuses on identifying and treating speech
15 and language disorders at an early age; and

16 WHEREAS, by helping young children communicate effectively, Outspoken Therapy
17 Services, Inc., helps them take steps towards success in school and life; and

18 WHEREAS, in celebration of May being Better Speech and Hearing Month, Outspoken
19 Therapy Services, Inc., hosts play based therapy parties for all of the students at each of its
20 affiliated preschool centers; and

21 WHEREAS, upon completion of Outspoken Therapy Services' program, each child graduates
22 a winner; the program provides a graduation speech diploma, prize, and balloons to celebrate
23 each client's successful mastery of speech goals; and

24 WHEREAS, Outspoken Therapy Services, Inc., helps children with a wide variety of speech
25 and language disorders so that all of the young citizens of this state can be proud to have their
26 voices heard, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the organization be recognized.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
28 congratulate Outspoken Therapy Services, Inc., on the grand occasion of its tenth
29 anniversary, commend the program on its efforts to meet the needs of the children of
30 Georgia, and wish it many years of future success.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
32 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Wendy Seay Oliver, Ph.D.