

Senate Resolution 579

By: Senators Burke of the 11th, Watson of the 1st, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Walker III of the 20th, Hill of the 4th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Georgia Academy of Audiology and recognizing January, 28, 2020, as
2 Georgia Academy of Audiology Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, each year, many Georgians are affected by hearing loss and balance disorders,
4 and those affected include both children and adults; and

5 WHEREAS, audiologists work independently and collaboratively with other health care
6 professionals to provide evaluations and treatment options for hearing loss and balance
7 disorders; and

8 WHEREAS, these audiologists are Georgia licensed professionals, many of whom have AuD
9 degrees or other doctoral degrees from accredited universities with specialized training
10 programs in the identification, assessment, and treatment of hearing and balance disorders;
11 these professionals also work toward educating Georgians about prevention efforts; and

12 WHEREAS, Georgia's audiologists work in private practices, hospitals, clinics, physician
13 offices, universities, pre-kindergarten through grade 12 schools, and government and military
14 practices; and

15 WHEREAS, while it has no university conferring an AuD degree, Georgia has approximately
16 450 licensed audiologists; and

17 WHEREAS, many Georgia licensed audiologists are members of the Georgia Academy of
18 Audiology, a nonprofit organization composed of audiologists and friends of audiology
19 which advances the profession of audiology in this state; and

20 WHEREAS, many of the Georgia Academy of Audiology's members are also members of
21 the national professional organization, the American Academy of Audiology, and they work

22 closely with the Academy of Doctors of Audiology and American Speech-Language-Hearing
23 Association; and

24 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
25 organization be appropriately recognized for the health care services it provides to Georgians
26 and for their leadership on health care policy.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
28 commend the Georgia Academy of Audiology for its years of efficient, effective, and
29 dedicated service to the citizens of this state and recognize January 28, 2020, as Georgia
30 Academy of Audiology Day at the state capitol.

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