

Senate Resolution 633

By: Senators Burton of the 5th, Lamutt of the 21st, Williams of the 6th, Smith of the 25th, Jackson of the 50th and others

ADOPTED SENATE**A RESOLUTION**

1 Commending The Auditory-Verbal Center of Atlanta, Inc.; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, in the State of Georgia there are more than 600,000 hearing impaired citizens
3 of whom 30,000 are profoundly deaf children; and

4 WHEREAS, The Auditory-Verbal Center of Atlanta, Inc., a nonprofit United Way agency,
5 in the year 2002 celebrates 25 years of eliminating deafness as we know it, through the use
6 of high technology and auditory-verbal therapy; and

7 WHEREAS, The Auditory-Verbal Center of Atlanta, Inc., has, over those 25 years, enabled
8 over 300 deaf children in Georgia to become independent hearing and speaking
9 communicators without the need for, or the extra costs of, sign language or lip reading, and
10 those children have been mainstreamed into the regular hearing population with no life
11 limits; and

12 WHEREAS, The Auditory-Verbal Center of Atlanta, Inc., by providing listening, language,
13 and the fundamental literacy skills for deaf children, has expanded and continues to expand
14 the educational and life opportunities for the deaf children of Georgia; and

15 WHEREAS, The Auditory-Verbal Center of Atlanta, Inc., is licensed to dispense hearing
16 aids on a sliding scale fee to accommodate the needs of all Georgians and has expanded its
17 services to promote good hearing for all Georgians, regardless of income, by providing
18 hearing screening, diagnostics, counseling, hearing aid management, telephone training,
19 central auditory processing, and classes designed to accommodate working and retired adults;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, The Auditory-Verbal Center of Atlanta, Inc., is dedicated to helping all
22 Georgians function successfully in our hearing world.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
2 commend the board and staff of The Auditory-Verbal Center of Atlanta, Inc., for their
3 dedication and commitment to the hearing impaired citizens of Georgia and extend their
4 sincerest best wishes for continued success in the future.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
6 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Beth Mahaffey, co-founder of The
7 Auditory-Verbal Center of Atlanta, Inc.