

## House Resolution 194

By: Representatives Chambers of the 53<sup>rd</sup>, Hill of the 16<sup>th</sup>, Warren of the 99<sup>th</sup>, Porter of the 119<sup>th</sup>, Smith of the 76<sup>th</sup>, and others

## 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 2003 celebrates 26 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 these 26 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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
2 the members of this body commend the board and staff of The Auditory-Verbal Center of  
3 Atlanta, Inc., for their dedication and commitment to the hearing impaired citizens of  
4 Georgia and extend their sincerest best wishes for continued success in the future.

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