

## House Resolution 284

By: Representatives Smith of the 113<sup>th</sup>, Holt of the 112<sup>th</sup>, Levitas of the 82<sup>nd</sup>, and Amerson of the 9<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Declaring February 24, 2009, as Georgia Academy of Audiology Day at the state capitol and  
2 inviting representatives from the Georgia Academy of Audiology to appear before the House  
3 of Representatives; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, millions of American adults and children are impacted by hearing loss and  
5 balance disorders, in many cases caused by nerve damage, with many of these individuals  
6 residing in Georgia; and

7 WHEREAS, audiologists are the primary health care professionals serving to provide  
8 evaluations, diagnoses, treatments, and management for hearing loss and balance disorders;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, audiologists serving Georgia are licensed professionals, many of whom hold  
11 doctoral degrees in audiology or other areas of audiology from accredited universities with  
12 special training in the prevention, identification, assessment, and treatment of hearing and  
13 balance disorders; and

14 WHEREAS, Georgia audiologists work in various settings including private practice,  
15 hospitals, clinics, ENT offices, universities, and schools, as well as government and military  
16 practices; and

17 WHEREAS, Georgia has 425 licensed audiologists with many of these individuals belonging  
18 to the Georgia Academy of Audiology, an organization comprised of audiologists and friends  
19 of audiology which was founded on October 1, 2001, to advance the profession of audiology  
20 in this state and whose many members also belong to the American Academy of Audiology;  
21 and

22 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
23 distinguished organization and the health care services its members provide to Georgians be  
24 appropriately recognized.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
26 the members of this body honor and commend the Georgia Academy of Audiology and its  
27 members for their many years of efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service  
28 to the citizens of this state, extend to them their most sincere best wishes, and declare  
29 February 24, 2009, as Georgia Academy of Audiology Day at the state capitol.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body invite representatives of the  
31 Georgia Academy of Audiology to appear before the House of Representatives on a day and  
32 at a time designated by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and that the Clerk of the  
33 House of Representatives is authorized and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this  
34 resolution to the Georgia Academy of Audiology.