

House Resolution 1616

By: Representatives Holt of the 112th, Amerson of the 9th, and Epps of the 140th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 29, 2012, as Georgia Academy of Audiology Day at the capitol; and
2 for other purposes.

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

6 WHEREAS, audiologists work collaboratively with other health care professionals to
7 provide evaluations, diagnoses, treatments, and management for hearing loss and balance
8 disorders; and

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

13 WHEREAS, Georgia audiologists work in various settings, including private practice,
14 hospitals, clinics, universities, and K-12 schools, as well as government and military
15 practices; and

16 WHEREAS, Georgia has 444 licensed audiologists, with many of these individuals
17 belonging to the Georgia Academy of Audiology, a nonprofit organization comprising
18 audiologists and friends of audiology which was founded on October 1, 2001, to advance the
19 profession of audiology in this state and whose many members also belong to the American
20 Academy of Audiology; and

21 WHEREAS, when not treating patients, the members of the Georgia Academy of Audiology
22 work tirelessly on healthcare policy to promote better healthcare for Georgians not only at
23 the state but also the federal level and serve on such entities as the Georgia Commission on

24 Hearing Impaired and Deaf Persons and as liaisons for the American Academy of
25 Audiologists, so as to inform members of Congress of legislation impacting their patients and
26 their profession; and

27 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
28 distinguished organization be recognized for the hearing and balance healthcare services its
29 members provide to Georgians and their leadership on healthcare policy.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
31 the members of this body honor and commend the Georgia Academy of Audiology and its
32 members for their many years of efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service
33 to the citizens of this state, extend to them their most sincere best wishes, and recognize
34 February 29, 2012, as Georgia Academy of Audiology Day at the state capitol.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
36 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Academy of
37 Audiology.