

## Senate Resolution 253

By: Senators McKoon of the 29th, Cowser of the 46th, Ramsey, Sr. of the 43rd, Stone of the 23rd, Thompson of the 5th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 17-23, 2013, as Georgia Court Reporting and Captioning Week at the  
2 capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, for millennia, individuals have wanted the spoken word translated into text to  
4 record history; to accomplish this task they have relied on scribes; and

5 WHEREAS, the profession of scribe was born with the rise of civilization; and

6 WHEREAS, in ancient Egypt, scribes were considered to be the literate elite, recording laws  
7 and other important documents and, since that time, have served as impartial witnesses to  
8 history; and

9 WHEREAS, scribes were present with our Nation's founding fathers as the Declaration of  
10 Independence and Bill of Rights were drafted; and

11 WHEREAS, President Lincoln trusted scribes to record the Emancipation Proclamation; and

12 WHEREAS, since the advent of shorthand machines, these scribes have been known as court  
13 reporters, and have played a permanent and invaluable role in courtrooms across our country;  
14 and

15 WHEREAS, court reporters are present in the Georgia General Assembly, preserving  
16 members' words and actions; and

17 WHEREAS, court reporters and captioners are responsible for the closed captioning seen  
18 scrolling across television screens, at sporting stadiums and in other community and  
19 educational settings, bringing information to millions of deaf and hard-of-hearing Americans  
20 every day; and

21 WHEREAS, court reporters and captioners translate the spoken word into text and preserve  
22 our history; and

23 WHEREAS, whether called scribes of yesterday or the court reporters and captioners of  
24 today, the individuals who preserve our nation's history are truly the guardians of the record.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
26 recognize February 17-23, 2013, as Georgia Court Reporting and Captioning Week at the  
27 capitol.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
29 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Shorthand Reporters  
30 Association.