

## House Resolution 415

By: Representatives Fleming of the 121<sup>st</sup>, Willard of the 51<sup>st</sup>, Lindsey of the 54<sup>th</sup>, Powell of the 171<sup>st</sup>, Kelley of the 16<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 17-23, 2013, as Georgia Court Reporting and Captioning Week at the  
2 capitol and inviting the Georgia Shorthand Reporters Association to appear before the House  
3 of Representatives; and for other purposes.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
27 the members of this body recognize February 17-23, 2013, as Georgia Court Reporting and  
28 Captioning Week at the capitol and invite the Georgia Shorthand Reporters Association to  
29 be recognized by the House of Representatives at a date and time designated by the Speaker  
30 of the House.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
32 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Shorthand  
33 Reporters Association.