

House Resolution 1098

By: Representatives Holt of the 112th and Black of the 174th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing January 29, 2014, as Georgia Academy of Audiology Day at the state capitol;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, millions of Americans, both adults and children, are impacted by hearing loss
4 and balance disorders; individuals with these disorders reside throughout our state; and

5 WHEREAS, audiologists work autonomously and collaboratively with other health care
6 professionals, providing evaluations and treatment options for these hearing losses and
7 balance disorders; and

8 WHEREAS, audiologists serving Georgia are licensed professionals with many holding
9 doctors of audiology (AuD) degrees or other doctoral degrees from accredited universities
10 with specialized training programs in the prevention, identification, assessment, and
11 treatment of hearing and balance disorders; and

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

15 WHEREAS, Georgia has 470 licensed audiologists, many of whom belong to the Georgia
16 Academy of Audiology, a nonprofit organization made up of audiologists and friends of
17 audiology established on October 1, 2001, to advance the profession of audiology in Georgia
18 and whose many members also belong to the national professional organization, American
19 Academy of Audiology; and

20 WHEREAS, the Georgia Academy of Audiology members, when not treating patients, work
21 on affecting health care policy to promote better health care for Georgians not only at the
22 state level but also at the federal level, serving on such entities as the Georgia Commission
23 on Hearing Impaired and Deaf Persons and as liaisons for the American Academy of

24 Audiologists so as to inform members of Congress of legislation impacting their patients and
25 their profession; and

26 WHEREAS, the Georgia Academy of Audiology also serves as a partner with the Adopt a
27 Band program to protect musicians' hearing because so many are impacted by hearing loss
28 due to their profession; and

29 WHEREAS, the Georgia Academy of Audiology's members also work closely with and
30 participate in at the national level the American Academy of Audiology (AAA), the
31 Academy of Doctors of Audiology (ADA), and the American Speech-Language-Hearing
32 Association (ASHA); and

33 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
34 distinguished organization be appropriately recognized for the hearing and balance health
35 care services its members provide to Georgians and for their leadership on health care policy.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
37 the members of this body recognize January 29, 2014, as Georgia Academy of Audiology
38 Day at the state capitol.

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