

House Resolution 1092

By: Representative Raffensperger of the 50th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing 20/20 Hearing and commending its founder, Jack McConnell; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, in 2001, Jack McConnell, one of the first hearing impaired babies identified in
4 Georgia through the Universal Newborn Hearing Screening Program, was diagnosed with
5 bilateral sensory neural hearing, and he received his first pair of behind the ear hearing aids
6 when he was just six weeks old; and

7 WHEREAS, in 2013, at just 11 years old, Jack joined forces with the Starkey Hearing
8 Foundation in West Africa, visiting schools for the deaf in and around Ghana and testing and
9 fitting children for hearing aids; and

10 WHEREAS, it was on these missions that Jack felt called to use his experience with hearing
11 loss to help those less fortunate have a better life; and

12 WHEREAS, today, Jack has his own 501(c)(3) foundation, 20/20 Hearing, with the mission
13 to give the gift of hearing to children in the United States and abroad whose families cannot
14 afford the high cost of hearing care; and

15 WHEREAS, 20/20 Hearing works closely with audiologists and various support
16 organizations in the State of Georgia to ensure that everyone has the right to communicate;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, since its inception, the foundation has partnered with the Starkey Hearing
19 Foundation on missions to Peru, Africa, Nicaragua, and Haiti to fit hundreds of people with
20 hearing aids; and

21 WHEREAS, in Georgia and several other states, Jack's ministry has been able to help many
22 children hear the world around them; and

23 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
24 remarkable and distinguished Georgian and his foundation be appropriately recognized.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
26 the members of this body commend Jack McConnell and recognize his foundation, 20/20
27 Hearing, for their dedicated and unselfish service to their community, the State of Georgia,
28 and the world.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
30 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Jack
31 McConnell and 20/20 Hearing.