

House Resolution 972

By: Representative Trammell of the 132nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing September 10-14, 2018, as Georgia School-Based Speech Language
2 Pathologists Week; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, therapy performed by speech language pathologists in schools helps students
4 to communicate effectively with peers and adults and is an essential part of a fulfilling
5 educational experience; and

6 WHEREAS, speech language pathologists employed by Georgia schools assess, diagnose,
7 and treat students for speech sound production, language, cognitive communication, and
8 swallowing disorders; and

9 WHEREAS, school-based speech language pathologists who retain a Certificate of Clinical
10 Competence in speech language pathology from the American Speech-Language-Hearing
11 Association possess the highest qualifications in their field, adhere to strict ethics policies,
12 and participate in rigorous professional development; and

13 WHEREAS, speech language pathologists serve as consultants, diagnosticians, and therapists
14 to students with (but not limited to) developmental delays and disorders, learning disabilities,
15 autism spectrum disorder, intellectual impairment, and hearing loss; and

16 WHEREAS, the contributions of school-based speech language pathologists in Georgia have
17 improved the educational outcomes of students with communication impairments and have
18 improved their quality of life; and

19 WHEREAS, the Georgia Organization of School-Based Speech Language Pathologists will
20 host Georgia School-Based Speech Language Pathologists Week for the second year in a row
21 during the month of September.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
23 the members of this body recognize September 10-14, 2018, as Georgia School-Based
24 Speech Language Pathologists Week and commend and salute school-based speech language
25 pathologists for their exemplary service to the needs of students in Georgia.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
27 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
28 Georgia Organization of School-Based Speech Language Pathologists.