

Senate Resolution 20

By: Senators Walker III of the 20th, Kirk of the 13th, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Watson of the 1st, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring and commending the organizations and their staff members of the Service
2 Providers Association for Developmental Disabilities and celebrating their day at the Capitol
3 on January 17, 2019; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the Service Providers Association for Developmental Disabilities was created
5 in 2002 and is a Georgia nonprofit organization that provides support and services to more
6 than 9,000 Georgians with intellectual and developmental disabilities through its member
7 organizations; and

8 WHEREAS, the Service Providers Association for Developmental Disabilities is an
9 organization dedicated to helping its member providers serve citizens with intellectual and
10 developmental disabilities through advocacy, education, and best practice support, which
11 enables people to become full citizens in their local communities and includes them in
12 managing their lives; and

13 WHEREAS, the Service Providers Association for Developmental Disabilities members'
14 staff includes an array of professionals, including direct support professionals, nurses,
15 therapists, and others, who provide individuals with intellectual and developmental
16 disabilities with quality support through employment, engaging day support services, and
17 homes of their own, as well as an array of life skill support and other essential support
18 services, helping them achieve the best possible outcomes for their lives; and

19 WHEREAS, the Service Providers Association for Developmental Disabilities provides
20 through its member organizations support for Georgia's most vulnerable citizens with
21 intellectual and developmental disabilities of all ages and regardless of complexity of need;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, a goal of the Service Providers Association for Developmental Disabilities is
24 to support organizations and the individuals they serve in maintaining their independence and

25 enhancing their quality of life, ensuring that those Georgians with intellectual and
26 developmental disabilities are included in all aspects of community life; and

27 WHEREAS, the Service Providers Association for Developmental Disabilities and its
28 member organizations recognize that each individual must be treated with respect and dignity
29 and receive the support they need, tailored to their goals and dreams; and

30 WHEREAS, the Service Providers Association for Developmental Disabilities and its
31 members also work as a partner with local communities and related Georgia governmental
32 entities.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
34 honor and commend the work of the Service Providers Association for Developmental
35 Disabilities, its compassionate organizations, and their vital personnel for the selfless work
36 they do in providing support to Georgia's most vulnerable citizens with intellectual and
37 developmental disabilities and celebrate with them their day at the Capitol on
38 January 17, 2019.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
40 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to representatives of
41 the Service Providers Association for Developmental Disabilities.