

Senate Resolution 547

By: Senators Walker III of the 20th, Wilkinson of the 50th, Gooch of the 51st, Miller of the 49th and Hufstetler of the 52nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring and commending the individual member organizations and their staff. as members
2 of Service Providers Association for Developmental Disabilities (SPADD) and celebrating
3 their day at the Capitol on January 16, 2020; and for other purposes.

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

8 WHEREAS, Service Providers Association for Developmental Disabilities is an organization
9 dedicated to helping its member organizations 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 throughout the great State
12 of Georgia and includes them in managing their lives; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
33 honor and commend the work of Service Providers Association for Developmental
34 Disabilities (SPADD), its compassionate member organizations, and their vital personnel for
35 the selfless work they do in providing support to Georgians most vulnerable citizens with
36 intellectual and developmental disabilities and celebrate with them their day at the Capitol
37 on January 16, 2020.

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