

Senate Resolution 152

By: Senators Brass of the 6th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Hatchett of the 50th, Robertson of the 29th, Payne of the 54th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending the Georgia Academy of Audiology; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, approximately 60.7 million Americans aged 12 and older struggle with hearing
3 loss; and
- 4 WHEREAS, the number of Georgians impacted by hearing loss and balance disorders
5 continues to grow, and the national population experiencing hearing loss is expected to
6 double by 2060; and
- 7 WHEREAS, audiologists are Georgia-licensed professionals holding Doctor of Audiology
8 (AuD) degrees or other doctoral degrees from accredited universities with specialized
9 training programs in the identification, assessment, and treatment of hearing and balance
10 disorders; and
- 11 WHEREAS, audiologists work collaboratively to provide evaluations and treatment options
12 for hearing losses and balance disorders as well as educate about prevention efforts in private
13 practices, hospitals, clinics, physician offices, universities, pre-k through 12 schools, and
14 government and military facilities; and

15 WHEREAS, many Georgia-licensed audiologists are members of the Georgia Academy of
16 Audiology, a nonprofit organization that plays a crucial role in supporting audiologists across
17 Georgia by advocating for policies that improve access to hearing and balance healthcare,
18 providing continuing education opportunities, fostering collaboration and networking among
19 audiologists, and raising public awareness about the importance of hearing health, early
20 detection, treatment of disorders, and the prevention of hearing loss; and

21 WHEREAS, many of the Georgia Academy of Audiology's members are also members of
22 the national professional organization, the American Academy of Audiology (AAA), and
23 they work closely with the Academy of Doctors of Audiology (ADA) and American
24 Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA); and

25 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
26 organization and its members be appropriately recognized for the healthcare services
27 provided to Georgians, including their leadership on healthcare policy.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
29 recognize and commend the Georgia Academy of Audiology for its years of efficient,
30 effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to the citizens of this state as well as extend
31 to the organization their most sincere best wishes.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
33 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the Georgia
34 Academy of Audiology.