

House Resolution 17

By: Representative Kidd of the 145th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing January 13, 2015, as Georgia Academy of Audiology Day at the state capitol;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, thousands of Georgians, both adults and children, are impacted by hearing loss
4 and balance disorders; and

5 WHEREAS, audiologists work autonomously and collaboratively with other healthcare
6 professionals providing evaluations and treatment options for these hearing losses and
7 balance disorders; and

8 WHEREAS, Georgia audiologists are licensed professionals with many holding doctors of
9 audiology (AuD) degrees or other doctoral degrees from accredited universities with
10 specialized training programs in the prevention, identification, assessment, and treatment of
11 hearing and balance disorders; and

12 WHEREAS, Georgia audiologists work in various settings including private practice,
13 hospitals, clinics, physician offices, universities, K-12 schools, as well as government and
14 military practices; and

15 WHEREAS, Georgia has 504 licensed audiologists, many of whom belong to the Georgia
16 Academy of Audiology, a nonprofit organization made up of audiologists and friends of
17 audiology, established on October 1, 2001, to advance the profession of audiology in Georgia
18 and whose many members also belong to the national professional organization, American
19 Academy of Audiology; and

20 WHEREAS, the Georgia Academy of Audiology members, when not treating patients, also
21 work on affecting healthcare policy to promote better healthcare for Georgians not only at
22 the state level but also at the federal level, serving on such entities as the Georgia
23 Commission on Hearing Impaired and Deaf Persons and as liaisons for the American

24 Academy of Audiologists so as to inform members of Congress of legislation impacting their
25 patients and their profession; and

26 WHEREAS, the Georgia Academy of Audiology reminds all Georgians that May is Better
27 Speech and Hearing Month; and

28 WHEREAS, the Georgia Academy of Audiology, in keeping with its mission for quality
29 hearing, serves as a partner with the Adopt a Band program to protect musicians' hearing
30 because so many musicians are impacted by hearing loss due to their profession; and

31 WHEREAS, the Georgia Academy of Audiology's members also work closely with and
32 participate in at the national level the American Academy of Audiology (AAA), the
33 Academy of Doctors of Audiology (ADA), and the American Speech-Language-Hearing
34 Association (ASHA); and

35 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
36 distinguished organization be appropriately recognized for the hearing and balance healthcare
37 services its members provide to Georgians and their leadership on healthcare policy.

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
39 the members of this body recognize January 13, 2015, as Georgia Academy of Audiology
40 Day at the state capitol; commend the Georgia Academy of Audiology and its members for
41 their many years of efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to the citizens
42 of this state; and extend to them their most sincere best wishes.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
44 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
45 Georgia Academy of Audiology.