

House Resolution 370

By: Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Newton of the 127th, Jasperse of the 11th, Mathiak of the 74th, Greene of the 154th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing the Georgia Speech-Language-Hearing Association; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, roughly 5 to 10 percent of Americans may have communication disorders; and
- 3 WHEREAS, over 3 million Americans stutter and nearly 7 percent of Americans have some
- 4 form of language impairment; and
- 5 WHEREAS, one in 25 adults and nearly 25 percent of children experience swallowing and/or
- 6 feeding disorders; and
- 7 WHEREAS, roughly 37.5 million Americans report hearing trouble; and
- 8 WHEREAS, many of these disorders are caused by various things including genetics, age,
- 9 injury, disease and illness, and noise exposure; and
- 10 WHEREAS, speech-language pathologists, also known as SLPs, and audiologists are among
- 11 the health care professionals providing hearing screening, evaluations, diagnoses, treatments,
- 12 and management for these hearing losses and communication and/or swallowing disorders;
- 13 and

14 WHEREAS, Georgia Speech-Language-Hearing Association's members are licensed
15 professionals, with many holding advanced degrees from accredited universities with special
16 training programs; and

17 WHEREAS, Georgia Speech-Language-Hearing Association is a nonprofit professional
18 association made up of speech-language pathologists and audiologists; and

19 WHEREAS, the Georgia Speech-Language-Hearing Association works to advance the
20 interests of speech-language pathologists, audiologists, and the public through education,
21 mentoring, advocacy, resources, and service to ensure communication for all; and

22 WHEREAS, the Georgia Speech-Language-Hearing Association advocates for the
23 profession, its members, and the individuals they serve as well as provides continuing
24 education opportunities for its membership; and

25 WHEREAS, the Georgia Speech-Language-Hearing Association's members provide services
26 in various settings, including hospitals, rehabilitation centers, clinics, physicians' offices,
27 private practices, client homes, pre-K through grade 12 schools, universities, and government
28 and military practices; and

29 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
30 distinguished organization be appropriately recognized for the health care and educational
31 services its members provide to Georgia citizens.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
33 the members of this body commend the Georgia Speech-Language-Hearing Association and

34 its members for their many years of tireless, efficient, effective, and dedicated public service
35 to Georgians and extend best wishes for continued success.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
37 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
38 Georgia Speech-Language-Hearing Association.