

House Resolution 843

By: Representatives Gambill of the 15th, Taylor of the 173rd, Hawkins of the 27th, and Parrish of the 158th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Georgia Speech-Language-Hearing Association; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, many Georgians have communication disorders or some form of language
4 impairment or hearing disorder; and

5 WHEREAS, there are also adults and children who experience swallowing and/or feeding
6 disorders; and

7 WHEREAS, many of these disorders are caused by various things such as genetics, age,
8 injury, disease and illness, and noise exposure; and

9 WHEREAS, speech-language pathologists, also known as SLPs, and audiologists are among
10 the health care professionals providing hearing screenings, evaluations, diagnoses,
11 treatments, and management for these hearing losses as well as communication and
12 swallowing disorders; and

13 WHEREAS, many of the professionals of the Georgia Speech-Language-Hearing
14 Association serve Georgia's most in-need through the Medicaid, PeachCare for Kids, and
15 Babies Can't Wait programs; and

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

19 WHEREAS, the Georgia Speech-Language-Hearing Association is a nonprofit professional
20 association made up of speech-language pathologists and audiologists practicing statewide;
21 and

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

25 WHEREAS, the Georgia Speech-Language-Hearing Association advocates for the
26 profession, its members, and the individuals they serve as well as provides continuing
27 education opportunities to its membership; and

28 WHEREAS, the Georgia Speech-Language-Hearing Association's members may be found
29 providing services in various settings, including hospitals, nursing homes, rehabilitation
30 centers, clinics, physicians' offices, private practices, client homes, pre-K through grade 12
31 schools, universities, and government and military practices; and

32 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
33 distinguished organization be appropriately honored for the health care and educational
34 services its members provide to Georgia's citizens.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
36 the members of this body recognize and commend the Georgia Speech-Language-Hearing
37 Association and its members for their many years of tireless, efficient, effective, and
38 dedicated service to the citizens of this state.

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