

Senate Resolution 651

By: Senators Brass of the 28th, Dixon of the 45th, Williams of the 25th, Goodman of the 8th, Anderson of the 24th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending the Georgia Academy of Audiology; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, about 60.7 million Americans aged 12 and older struggle with hearing loss; and
- 3 WHEREAS, hearing loss is on the rise in the United States and is expected to double by the
4 year 2060; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Georgia is not immune to the aforementioned national statistics, and many
6 Georgians are impacted by hearing loss and balance disorders; and
- 7 WHEREAS, in our state, audiologists are Georgia-licensed professionals holding Doctor of
8 Audiology (AuD) degrees or other doctoral degrees from accredited universities with
9 specialized training programs in the identification, assessment, and treatment of hearing and
10 balance 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 practices; and

15 WHEREAS, many Georgia-licensed audiologists are members of the Georgia Academy of
16 Audiology, a nonprofit organization made up of audiologists and friends of audiology who
17 advance the profession of audiology in the state through leadership, advocacy, education,
18 public awareness, and support of research; and

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

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

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

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