

House Resolution 904

By: Representatives Blackmon of the 146th, Oliver of the 82nd, Tankersley of the 160th, Dempsey of the 13th, Beverly of the 143rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing January 28, 2020, as Georgia Speech-Language-Hearing Association Day at the
2 state capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, thousands of Georgians are impacted by hearing loss and human
4 communication disorders, which may be caused by genetic, neurological, or physical
5 impairments, with both adults and children being affected; and

6 WHEREAS, speech-language pathologists, also known as SLPs, and audiologists are some
7 of the primary health care professionals serving to provide hearing screenings, evaluations,
8 diagnoses, treatments, and management for these hearing losses and communication
9 disorders; and

10 WHEREAS, Georgia Speech-Language-Hearing Association is a nonprofit, professional
11 association made up of speech-language pathologists and audiologists helping to advocate
12 for the profession, its members, and the individuals they serve; and

13 WHEREAS, Georgia Speech-Language-Hearing Association provides a forum for the
14 exchange of professional information and ideas, including continuing education, to its
15 member speech-language pathologists and audiologists in this state; and

16 WHEREAS, Georgia Speech-Language-Hearing Association hosts an annual convention to
17 help educate and keep up-to-date its members on issues such as speech and language
18 disorders and interventions, as well as dysphagia management, and a host of other issues
19 impacting the profession and those that these professionals serve; and

20 WHEREAS, Georgia Speech-Language-Hearing Association's members are licensed
21 professionals, with many holding advanced degrees from accredited universities with special
22 training programs, such as education of or the prevention, identification, assessment, and
23 treatment of hearing and communication disorders; and

24 WHEREAS, Georgia Speech-Language-Hearing Association's members provide services in
25 various settings, including private practices, hospitals, clinics, physicians' offices,
26 universities, and pre-K through 12 schools, as well as government and military practices; and

27 WHEREAS, Georgia Speech-Language-Hearing Association created a nonprofit entity,
28 GSHFoundation, to help raise funds for the projects that the organization cares most deeply
29 about, including scholarships, clinical research and science grants; and

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

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
34 the members of this body commend the Georgia Speech-Language-Hearing Association and
35 its members for their many years of tireless, efficient, effective, and dedicated public service
36 to Georgians and recognize the Georgia Speech-Language-Hearing organization on its day
37 at the Capitol.

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