

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1091

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A RESOLUTION to recognize May 2020 as Speech Therapy Month.

WHEREAS, speech therapy is the field of expertise through which licensed practitioners help people with speech and language problems to speak more clearly; and

WHEREAS, many of us take communication for granted, but illness or injury makes speaking and hearing a challenge for many Americans; and

WHEREAS, by impairing communication, speech, language, and hearing disorders can limit academic achievement, social adjustment, and career advancement; and

WHEREAS, audiologists and speech-language pathologists are professionals who specialize in the identification and treatment of communication disorders, which affect millions of Americans; and

WHEREAS, with early diagnosis and proper treatment, most people with communication disorders can lead full and productive lives; and

WHEREAS, the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) has designated May 2020 as Speech Therapy Month to raise awareness about communications disorders and the role of its members in providing life-altering treatment; and

WHEREAS, during this month, the Tennessee Association of Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists, an ASHA affiliate, will join forces with the national organization to inform and educate the public about speech, language, and hearing disorders; and

WHEREAS, according to Bureau of Labor statistics, there are 2,650 speech therapists in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of these dedicated healthcare professionals by observing Speech Therapy Month; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we recognize May 2020 as Speech Therapy Month.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.