

## House Resolution 19

By: Representatives Dempsey of the 13<sup>th</sup>, England of the 116<sup>th</sup>, Petrea of the 166<sup>th</sup>, Maxwell of the 17<sup>th</sup>, and Houston of the 170<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring and commending the organizations and their staff members of Service Providers  
2 Association for Developmental Disabilities and celebrating their day at the Capitol on  
3 January 12, 2017; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Service Providers Association for Developmental Disabilities was created in  
5 2002 and is a Georgia nonprofit organization that provides support and services to more than  
6 8,000 Georgians with developmental disabilities through its member organizations; and

7 WHEREAS, Service Providers Association for Developmental Disabilities is an organization  
8 dedicated to helping its member providers serve citizens with developmental disabilities  
9 through advocacy, education, and best practice support, which enables people to become full  
10 citizens in their local communities and includes them in managing their lives; and

11 WHEREAS, Service Providers Association for Developmental Disabilities members' staff  
12 includes an array of professionals, including direct support professionals, nurses, therapists,  
13 and others, who provide individuals with developmental disabilities with quality support  
14 through employment and homes of their own, as well as an array of life skill support and  
15 other essential support services, helping them achieve the best possible outcomes for their  
16 lives; and

17 WHEREAS, Service Providers Association for Developmental Disabilities provides through  
18 its member organizations support for Georgia's citizens with developmental disabilities of  
19 all ages and regardless of complexity of need; and

20 WHEREAS, a goal of Service Providers Association for Developmental Disabilities is to  
21 support organizations and the individuals they serve in maintaining their independence and  
22 enhancing their quality of life, ensuring that those Georgians with developmental disabilities  
23 are included in all aspects of community life; and

24 WHEREAS, Service Providers Association for Developmental Disabilities and its member  
25 organizations recognize that each individual must be treated with respect and dignity and  
26 receive the support they need, tailored to their goals and dreams; and

27 WHEREAS, Service Providers Association for Developmental Disabilities and its members  
28 also work as a partner with local communities and related Georgia governmental entities.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
30 the members of this body honor and commend the work of Service Providers Association for  
31 Developmental Disabilities, its compassionate organizations, and their vital personnel for the  
32 selfless work they do in providing support to Georgians with developmental disabilities and  
33 celebrate with them their day at the Capitol on January 12, 2017.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
35 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to  
36 representatives of Service Providers Association for Developmental Disabilities.