

## Senate Resolution 8

By: Senator Unterman of the 45th

## A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
37 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to representatives of  
38 the Service Providers Association for Developmental Disabilities.