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H. RES. 913

Recognizing and commending the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association on the 40th anniversary of the establishment of the Office of Multicultural Affairs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 18, 2009

Mr. BUTTERFIELD (for himself and Mr. ROGERS of Michigan) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

RESOLUTION

Recognizing and commending the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association on the 40th anniversary of the establishment of the Office of Multicultural Affairs.

Whereas the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) represents over 135,000 Audiologists, Speech-Language Pathologists (SLPs), and Speech Language and Hearing Scientists in Health Care and Education;

Whereas in 1969, the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association established the Office of Urban and Ethnic Affairs which later became the Office of Multicultural Affairs (OMA);

Whereas the Office of Multicultural Affairs addresses cultural and linguistic diversity, issues related to professionals,

students, and persons with communication disorders and differences;

Whereas the Office of Multicultural Affairs has been instrumental in bringing attention to the health disparities associated with communication disorders, and addressing educational disproportionality across minority populations;

Whereas the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association became the first recipient of the Minority Health Leadership Award from the United States Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Minority Health in 2006 for its work through the Office of Multicultural Affairs; and

Whereas 2009 also marks the 10th anniversary of American Speech-Language-Hearing Association's Minority Student Leadership Program, an ASHA effort to create a pipeline for talented Audiology and SLP graduate students from underrepresented groups into leadership positions within their professions: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—
- 2 (1) commends the 135,000 members and staff
- 3 of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Associa-
- 4 tion for advances made through the Office of Multi-
- 5 cultural Affairs; and
- 6 (2) recognizes the Office of Multicultural Af-
- 7 fairs for their work on diversity and inclusion within
- 8 the professions of Audiology and Speech-Language
- 9 Pathology.

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