

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1738

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending 50 years of accreditation for the University of Kansas' graduate programs in speech, language and hearing.

WHEREAS, The State of Kansas is committed to the quality of its institutions of higher education and the academic programs in which students learn and evolve to support the needs of its citizens and community; and

WHEREAS, An estimated 40 million Americans have some type of communication disorder, costing the United States approximately \$154 to \$186 billion annually in lost work productivity, special education and medical treatment; and

WHEREAS, Each day audiologists and speech-language pathologists diagnose, treat and prevent speech, language and hearing disorders, thereby helping citizens lead full and productive lives; and

WHEREAS, For more than five decades, the academic accreditation program, which was launched by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) and is currently administered by the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (CAA), has supported and strengthened entry-level graduate education in audiology and speech-language pathology by establishing and renewing standards, engaging in peer review and supporting continuous quality improvement of the programs it accredits; and

WHEREAS, The University of Kansas was one of the first universities to recognize the value of accreditation for its graduate programs as part of its role in preparing professionals to meet the needs of the state and the global community. The University's graduate education programs in audiology and in speech-language pathology have been continuously accredited since May 1965: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we congratulate and commend 50 years of accreditation for the University of Kansas' graduate programs in speech, language and hearing; and

Be it further resolved: That we salute the University of Kansas and the dedicated audiologists and speech-language pathologists who are alumni of the master's program in speech-language pathology, the master's program in audiology and the clinical doctoral program in audiology for their commitment to bringing better speech, language and hearing to individuals affected by communication disorders; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate shall send 10 enrolled copies of this resolution to Senator Francisco.

Senate Resolution No. 1738 was sponsored by Senator Marci Francisco.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the SENATE, and was adopted by that body

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.