

Senator Hunter offered the following resolution:

**Senate Resolution No. 65.**

A resolution honoring speech-language pathologists in Michigan.

Whereas, Speech-language pathologists are autonomous professionals charged with identifying, assessing, diagnosing, preventing, and treating speech, voice, language, communication, and swallowing disorders; and

Whereas, Speech-language pathologists provide professional services in a number of different treatment settings ranging from individual private practice to schools to institutions, such as acute-care hospitals and long-term care centers in which they serve as part of an interdisciplinary rehabilitation team; and

Whereas, Speech-language pathologists are highly-educated professionals with knowledge of biology, physical sciences, mathematics, and social/behavioral sciences; and

Whereas, They are skilled in the biological, neurological, acoustic, psychological, developmental, linguistic, and cultural elements of basic human communication; and

Whereas, In treating vulnerable people with communicative disabilities, including adults and children who cannot speak for themselves, speech-language pathologists are highly successful; and

Whereas, In addition, speech-language pathologists are skilled at diagnosing and treating swallowing disorders and head and neck cancers; and

Whereas, Speech-language pathologists also provide important and critical treatment and support for those suffering traumatic brain injuries, a common injury among wounded soldiers returning from Afghanistan and Iraq; and

Whereas, These skilled, dedicated, knowledgeable, and compassionate speech-language pathologists render immeasurable services to a diverse and appreciative patient population; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we offer this expression of tribute to honor speech-language pathologists in Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Michigan Speech-Language-Hearing Association.