

**Introduced by Senator Leyva
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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 136—Relative to Better Hearing and Speech Month.

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SCR 136, as introduced, Leyva. Better Hearing and Speech Month. This measure would recognize May 2016 as Better Hearing and Speech Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, An estimated 40 million Americans have some
2 type of communication and swallowing disorder, costing the United
3 States approximately \$154 to \$186 billion annually due to lost
4 work productivity, special education, and medical treatment; and
5 WHEREAS, Those citizens of California who have overcome
6 their communication and swallowing disabilities through the
7 services of dedicated audiologists and speech-language pathologists
8 should be recognized; and
9 WHEREAS, California also recognizes and values the efforts
10 of all audiologists and speech-language pathologists throughout
11 our nation who work to help these individuals with communication
12 and swallowing disorders to lead independent, productive, and
13 fulfilling lives; and
14 WHEREAS, California is proud and honored to have
15 audiologists and speech-language pathologists offering quality
16 education and health care services to its citizens; and

1 WHEREAS, audiologists and speech-language pathologists in
2 California annually observe and celebrate Better Hearing and
3 Speech Month during the month of May; now, therefore, be it
4 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
5 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature proclaims the month of
6 May 2016 as Better Hearing and Speech Month and encourages
7 all citizens to recognize the achievements of audiologists and
8 speech-language pathologists in improving the quality of life for
9 people with communication and swallowing disorders; and be it
10 further
11 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
12 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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