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**ASHA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL UPDATE**

Doreen and I are busily planning to attend the Spring LC meeting in Washington, DC on March 23-26, 2006. We'll be scheduling our usual Hill visits in the offices of Senators Richard Shelby and Jeff Sessions and Representatives Spencer Bachus and Artur Davis. Such visits are very important in making our audiology and speech-language pathology issues known to our Congressional lawmakers. It's just as important for YOU to let us know your issues and concerns by contacting us and/or addressing the entire LC body during the Membership Forum at the Spring LC meeting. If you will not be in the DC area, you may still participate in the Membership Forum by submitting your issues of concern in writing.

The SHAA Convention will be in Birmingham this year at the Wynfrey Hotel. Please plan on attending our Legislative Council Update scheduled from 12:30-1:30 pm on Thursday, March 9, 2006. We will summarize the last LC meeting at the ASHA Convention in San Diego, discuss hot topics, and review resolutions that will be coming up for consideration at the next LC meeting. We'll also provide information on the background to and progress regarding ASHA's new home. More importantly, Doreen and I will be there to discuss your concerns and answer any questions you have on anything that we might know about. Please plan on bringing your lunch and sharing that time with us.

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