

House Resolution 354

By: Representatives Geisinger of the 48th, Cooper of the 41st, Braddock of the 19th, Oliver of the 83rd, Gardner of the 57th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Georgia's music therapists; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, music therapy is the clinical and evidence-based use of music interventions to
3 accomplish individualized goals within a therapeutic relationship, helping to address
4 physical, psychological, cognitive, and social function in patients of all ages and disabilities;
5 and
- 6 WHEREAS, music therapists are credentialed professionals who have completed an
7 approved music therapy program; and
- 8 WHEREAS, the music therapy profession is committed to conducting ongoing research that
9 provides evidence in support of the benefits of music therapy; and
- 10 WHEREAS, since 1994, music therapy has been identified as a reimbursable service under
11 the benefits for Partial Hospitalization Programs, and under Medicare's Prospective Payment
12 System, music therapy is not billed as a separate service; and
- 13 WHEREAS, it is estimated that between 10,000 and 12,000 Georgians receive music therapy
14 services each year; and
- 15 WHEREAS, there are 120 national board-certified music therapists in Georgia employed in
16 residential care facilities, schools, general medical hospitals, adult day centers, geriatric
17 facilities, behavioral and mental health agencies, and private practice; and
- 18 WHEREAS, Georgia College and State University offers nationally approved bachelor's and
19 master's level music therapy training programs, and the University of Georgia offers a
20 nationally approved bachelor's level music therapy training program; and

21 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia offers four clinical internship sites at Augusta Veteran's
22 Medical Center, Central State Hospital in Milledgeville, Clayton County Public Schools in
23 Jonesboro, and the Fulton County School System in Alpharetta; and

24 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary work and dedication
25 of Georgia's music therapists be appropriately recognized.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body recognize the benefits of music therapy and commend Georgia's
28 music therapists for improving the lives of countless patients in this state.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
30 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Music Therapy
31 Task Force.