

Senate Resolution 981

By: Senators Hufstetler of the 52nd, Unterman of the 45th, Burke of the 11th and Orrock of the 36th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 24, 2016, as Physical Therapy Day at the state capitol; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia encourages options for an active and healthy lifestyle; and

4 WHEREAS, the Physical Therapy Association of Georgia speaks in the best interests of the
5 public in recommending physical therapy that is provided by a licensed physical therapist;
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7 WHEREAS, the Physical Therapy Association of Georgia is committed to educating
8 Georgians about the multifaceted benefits of physical therapy through its "Move Better. Feel
9 Better. Live Better." educational initiative; and

10 WHEREAS, the mission of the Physical Therapy Association of Georgia is to represent and
11 promote the profession of physical therapy with integrity, excellence, and collaboration to
12 best serve and advocate for the people of Georgia; and

13 WHEREAS, physical therapists in Georgia are held to a high educational standard by earning
14 a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree, state licensure, and continuing competency to provide
15 examination of and treatment for conditions limiting movement and functional activity as
16 well as preventing the loss of mobility before it occurs; and

17 WHEREAS, physical therapist assistants complete an associate's degree and are licensed to
18 provide selected physical therapy treatment under the direction and supervision of physical
19 therapists; and

20 WHEREAS, the more than 2,240 members of the Physical Therapy Association of Georgia
21 provide Georgians with expert examination and treatment of the movement systems to
22 improve health, fitness, wellness, and mobility across the life span; and

23 WHEREAS, it is estimated that more than 496,000 Georgians require the care of a physical
24 therapist each year.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
26 commend the Physical Therapy Association of Georgia and its members for their continued
27 dedication to promote the health and wellness of Georgia's citizens through maintaining a
28 high standard of education, integrity, and excellence in practice and recognize February 24,
29 2016, as Physical Therapy Day at the state capitol.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
31 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the Physical
32 Therapy Association of Georgia.