

House Resolution 123

By: Representatives Bennett of the 94th, Abrams of the 89th, Cooper of the 43rd, Alexander of the 66th, Dempsey of the 13th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 7, 2017, as Physical Therapy Day at the state capitol; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia supports 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;
6 and

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

10 WHEREAS, the Physical Therapy Association of Georgia improves the quality of life for
11 Georgians through the campaign, *PT Move Better, Live Better, Feel Better*, educating
12 Georgians of the benefits of physical therapy and how it helps improve mobility, health,
13 fitness, and wellness; and

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

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

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

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

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body commend the Physical Therapy Association of Georgia and its
28 members for their continued dedication to promote the health and wellness of Georgia's
29 citizens through maintaining a high standard of education, integrity, and excellence in
30 practice, and recognize February 7, 2017, as Physical Therapy Day at the state capitol.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
32 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
33 Physical Therapy Association of Georgia.