

House Resolution 177

By: Representatives Gardner of the 57th, Williams of the 119th, Chandler of the 105th,
Holcomb of the 81st, Howard of the 124th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Georgia Psychological Association and its members for dedicated service
2 to the people of Georgia and recognizing February 15, 2017, as Psychology Day at the state
3 capitol; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, psychology is a diverse discipline, grounded in science, and with boundless
5 applications in everyday life; and

6 WHEREAS, psychologists advance the creation, communication, evaluation, and application
7 of psychological knowledge to benefit society and improve people's lives, studying both
8 normal and abnormal behavior and treating individuals with mental and emotional problems;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, psychologists study and encourage behaviors that build wellness and emotional
11 resilience; and

12 WHEREAS, psychologists are the recognized experts on psychological testing and
13 assessment for the purpose of diagnosing, evaluating, classifying, or rendering opinions
14 regarding mental and nervous disorders and illnesses, including neuropsychological
15 conditions such as autism spectrum disorder; and

16 WHEREAS, the Georgia Psychological Association, as the state professional association
17 representing psychologists in all practice, research, and academic settings, works to further
18 the development of psychology as a science, as an applied practice, and as a means of
19 promoting human welfare; and

20 WHEREAS, Georgia was one of the first states to license psychologists, and there are
21 currently more than 2,314 licensed psychologists across this state; and

22 WHEREAS, on February 15, 2017, the Georgia Psychological Association will be presenting
23 "Psychologists for a Healthier Georgia," a mind and body health fair at the state capitol; and

24 WHEREAS, many psychologists and psychology trainees will be at the state capitol on that
25 date to interact with legislators, staff, and the public.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body commend the Georgia Psychological Association and its members
28 for furthering the scientific understanding of behavioral and cognitive processes and for
29 dedicated service to the people of Georgia and recognize February 15, 2017, as Psychology
30 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 an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
33 Georgia Psychological Association.