

House Resolution 1334

By: Representatives Clark of the 100th, Mathiak of the 82nd, Lumsden of the 12th, Kelley of the 16th, Schofield of the 63rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 10, 2026, as Georgia Limb Loss and Limb Difference Awareness Day
2 at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, movement is medicine, and physical activity is a right, not a privilege; and

4 WHEREAS, the benefits of physical activity on health and well-being cannot be overstated;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, millions of children and adults in the United States with limb loss, limb
7 difference, and mobility impairments are unable to afford and access life-changing prosthetic
8 and orthotic devices due to inadequate insurance coverage; and

9 WHEREAS, over 18,000 Georgians lose a limb each year, and over 200,000 Georgians live
10 with limb loss, limb difference, and mobility impairments; and

11 WHEREAS, limb loss, limb difference, and mobility impairments affect people of all ages,
12 income levels, and backgrounds; and

13 WHEREAS, diabetes, peripheral vascular disease, infections, cancer, and trauma are cited
14 as the leading causes of amputation; and

15 WHEREAS, addressing the needs of individuals with limb loss, limb difference, and
16 mobility impairments requires comprehensive healthcare coverage, access to affordable
17 orthotic and prosthetic assistive devices, rehabilitative services, and support systems; and

18 WHEREAS, prosthetic and orthotic clinical care is considered a habilitative or rehabilitative
19 health benefit for the purposes of any state or federal requirements for coverage of essential
20 health benefits; and

21 WHEREAS, access to appropriate prosthetic and orthotic care for people living with limb
22 loss, limb difference, and mobility impairments, including coverage of prostheses and
23 orthoses for the activities of daily living; essential job-related activities; personal
24 hygiene-related activities such as showering, bathing, and toileting; and physical activities
25 such as running, biking, swimming, and strength training to maximize whole-body health and
26 both upper and lower limb function is medically necessary and vital to enable individuals to
27 reach their full potential, live independently, and live well; and

28 WHEREAS, individuals in need of orthotic or prosthetic care with health benefit plans,
29 policies, or contracts executed by the state to provide healthcare coverage on behalf of state
30 employees, public school teachers and employees, and members and employees of the Board
31 of Regents of the University System of Georgia and their retirees and dependents are
32 provided access to the appropriate medically necessary prosthetic and orthotic care including
33 coverage of prostheses and orthoses.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
35 the members of this body recognize March 10, 2026, as Georgia Limb Loss and Limb
36 Difference Awareness Day at the state capitol to honor Georgia residents with limb loss and
37 limb difference and their consummate advocacy for inclusive medical policy coverage.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
39 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
40 public and the press.