

House Resolution 114

By: Representatives Clark of the 100th, Mathiak of the 82nd, Mathis of the 133rd, Barrett of the 24th, Dempsey of the 13th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing January 28, 2025, 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 is medically necessary and vital to enable
23 individuals to reach their full potential, live independently, and live well, including coverage
24 of prostheses and orthoses for the activities of daily living; essential job-related activities;
25 personal hygiene-related activities such as showering, bathing, and toileting; and physical
26 activities such as running, biking, swimming, and strength training to maximize whole-body
27 health and both upper and lower limb function.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body recognize January 28, 2025, as Georgia Limb Loss and Limb
30 Difference Awareness Day at the state capitol to honor Georgia residents with limb loss and
31 limb difference and their consummate advocacy for inclusive medical policy coverage.

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