

House Resolution 165

By: Representatives Bennett of the 94th, Jones of the 47th, Hugley of the 141st, Jones of the 143rd, Herring of the 145th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing January 28, 2025, 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 American Physical Therapy Association of Georgia represents the public's
5 best interests by recommending physical therapy provided by licensed physical therapists;
6 and

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

10 WHEREAS, the American Physical Therapy Association of Georgia improves Georgians'
11 quality of life through the pursuit of improved access, stable provider networks, adequate
12 reimbursement, and quality healthcare delivery; and

13 WHEREAS, physical therapists in Georgia are held to high educational and professional
14 standards such as earning a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree and a state license,

15 demonstrating continuing competency in providing examination and treatment for conditions
16 that limit movement and functional activity, and preventing the loss of mobility before it
17 occurs; and

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

21 WHEREAS, each year, physical therapists and physical therapy assistants come to the state
22 capitol to discuss the benefits of physical therapy and how it helps improve mobility, health,
23 fitness, and wellness; and

24 WHEREAS, the more than 10,000 members of the American Physical Therapy Association
25 of Georgia provide expert examination and treatment of the movement systems to improve
26 health, fitness, wellness, and mobility across the lifespan; and

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

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body commend the American Physical Therapy Association of Georgia
31 and its members for their continued dedication to promoting the health and wellness of
32 Georgia's citizens by maintaining high standards of education, integrity, and excellence in
33 practice as well as recognize January 28, 2025, as Physical Therapy Day at the state capitol.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
35 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
36 American Physical Therapy Association of Georgia.