

House Resolution 1123

By: Representatives Oliver of the 84th, Powell of the 33rd, Campbell of the 35th, Buckner of the 137th, Leverett of the 123rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the marriage and family therapists of Georgia and recognizing February 11,
2 2026, as Marriage and Family Therapy Day at the Capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, strong families and healthy relationships are foundational to the civic,
4 economic, and social vitality of Georgia, fostering responsibility, resilience, and respect for
5 others while embodying the shared values of perseverance, integrity, and neighborly care that
6 define Georgia's proud heritage and continue to guide its progress; and

7 WHEREAS, marriage and family therapy is one of the five essential mental health
8 professions licensed in Georgia, requiring graduate education, multiple years of supervised
9 clinical training, and adherence to rigorous professional and ethical standards enforced by
10 the Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers, and Marriage and
11 Family Therapists; and

12 WHEREAS, licensed marriage and family therapists apply systems-focused clinical training
13 in mental health care and psychotherapy to deliver effective, evidence-based evaluation,
14 diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of mental, emotional, behavioral, addiction, and
15 relationship challenges across the lifespan for Georgia's families, children, individuals,
16 couples, and communities; and

17 WHEREAS, marriage and family therapists serve Georgia's diverse regions—including rural
18 and underserved communities—by helping families overcome barriers to access, reducing
19 strain on other systems, and promoting resilience across generations; and

20 WHEREAS, these practitioners collaborate with schools, courts, other healthcare providers,
21 community organizations, and public agencies to strengthen individuals and families and
22 contribute to safer, healthier, and more stable communities throughout Georgia; and

23 WHEREAS, the gathering of marriage and family therapists at the state capitol underscores
24 their commitment to public policy engagement and their dedication to improving the quality
25 of and access to mental health care for all Georgians; and

26 WHEREAS, it is fitting to commend the marriage and family therapists of Georgia for their
27 professionalism, compassion, and lasting contributions to the well-being of this state.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body commend the licensed marriage and family therapists of Georgia
30 for their vital contributions to the mental, relational, and community health of this state and
31 recognize February 11, 2026, as Marriage and Family Therapy Day at the Capitol.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
34 Georgia Association for Marriage and Family Therapy.