

House Resolution 137

By: Representatives Oliver of the 82nd, Hawkins of the 27th, Cooper of the 45th, Dempsey of the 13th, and Jones of the 25th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing the Georgia Psychological Association; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, 2022 was named the Year of Mental Health and the Georgia Psychological
3 Association celebrated its 75th anniversary; and
- 4 WHEREAS, the Georgia Psychological Association was founded in August 1947 by a small
5 group of psychologists with a mission to advance the profession of psychology in Georgia
6 and to create a licensing law for the profession; and
- 7 WHEREAS, within four years, the first law was created for the profession in 1951, and the
8 Georgia Psychological Association continues to successfully serve as an organization
9 committed to the health and well-being of Georgians; and
- 10 WHEREAS, the Georgia Psychological Association strives to promote the profession of
11 psychology and the services it provides to thousands of Georgians through its doctoral level
12 trained professionals; and
- 13 WHEREAS, the Georgia Psychological Association provides professional and practice
14 viability services to its more than 900 members; provides a singular voice for these practicing

15 professionals; and serves as a resource center, promoting education offerings to its members
16 and the public; and

17 WHEREAS, the Georgia Psychological Association has addressed the challenges that the
18 field of mental health has faced including, but not limited to, addressing access to quality
19 care by supporting training and legislation in the use of telepsychology to provide treatment
20 and assessment services with its support of the interstate compact, PSYPACT, and improving
21 mental health in the state through the support of House Bill 1013, the Mental Health Parity
22 Act; and

23 WHEREAS, the Georgia Psychological Association's programs support the mentorship,
24 training, and overall development of psychology professionals from graduate school through
25 retirement via programming at the Atlanta Science Fair; graduate student involvement and
26 awards; early career support; and a senior psychologist network; and

27 WHEREAS, the number of Georgians each year who are impacted by mental health issues
28 has been exacerbated during the global pandemic; it will likely grow as the 9-8-8 call line is
29 fully implemented and other mental health and crisis programs begin to increase in usage;
30 and

31 WHEREAS, the Georgia Psychological Association provides resources for the public good
32 and a link to the provision of the services of psychologists and supports the mental health
33 profession.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
35 the members of this body recognize the Georgia Psychological Association, its staff, its
36 volunteers, and the individuals and families who are served and convey to them this

37 legislative body's heartiest commendation for their past, present, and future work for those
38 individuals in this state, throughout our nation, and around the world, and we encourage all
39 citizens to seek mental health services as needed to remain healthy.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
41 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
42 Georgia Psychological Association.