

House Resolution 277

By: Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Dubnik of the 29th, Mathiak of the 73rd, Taylor of the 173rd, and Kelley of the 16th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 19, 2019, as American Massage Therapy Association – Georgia
2 Chapter Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the American Massage Therapy Association – Georgia Chapter, a nonprofit
4 entity, is a part of the largest national organization of massage therapists, and it promotes the
5 benefits of massage to the public and to the health care community; and

6 WHEREAS, members of the American Massage Therapy Association – Georgia Chapter are
7 licensed, regulated professionals; and

8 WHEREAS, members of the American Massage Therapy Association – Georgia Chapter
9 reside throughout the State of Georgia, providing licensed and regulated massage therapy
10 services to their clients; and

11 WHEREAS, the American Massage Therapy Association – Georgia Chapter is led by ethical
12 professionals, embracing consistency in education, training standards, and requirements and
13 endorsing the highest professional standards for its members; and

14 WHEREAS, the American Massage Therapy Association – Georgia Chapter works toward
15 providing continuing education and training to its members, in addition to advocating on
16 behalf of its members before state and local agencies; and

17 WHEREAS, massage therapy is advantageous to the overall health and wellness of
18 individuals and is now being integrated into traditional health care; and

19 WHEREAS, massage therapy has been shown in clinical research to be helpful in managing
20 a number of health issues, including pain management, high blood pressure, stress,
21 fibromyalgia, arthritis, headaches, many forms of cancers, orthopedic injuries, and other
22 maladies; and

23 WHEREAS, new research shows that use of massage therapy rather than opioid medication,
24 where massage therapy has been shown to be effective for certain conditions, can lower costs
25 in combating the opioid epidemic.

26 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body commend and recognize the American Massage Therapy
28 Association – Georgia Chapter and its members for their years of dedicated public service
29 to the citizens of the State of Georgia and extend to them their most sincere best wishes for
30 continued success.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
32 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
33 American Massage Therapy Association – Georgia Chapter.