

## Senate Resolution 128

By: Senators Parent of the 42nd, Orrock of the 36th, Butler of the 55th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Miller of the 49th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Georgia Psychological Association and its members for dedicated service  
2 to the people of Georgia and recognizing February 15, 2017, as Psychology Day at the state  
3 capitol; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, psychology is a diverse discipline, grounded in science, and with boundless  
5 applications in everyday life; and

6 WHEREAS, psychologists advance the creation, communication, evaluation, and application  
7 of psychological knowledge to benefit society and improve people's lives, studying both  
8 normal and abnormal behavior and treating individuals with mental and emotional problems;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, psychologists study and encourage behaviors that build wellness and emotional  
11 resilience; and

12 WHEREAS, psychologists are the recognized experts on psychological testing and  
13 assessment for the purpose of diagnosing, evaluating, classifying, or rendering opinions  
14 regarding mental and nervous disorders and illnesses, including neuropsychological  
15 conditions such as autism spectrum disorder; and

16 WHEREAS, the Georgia Psychological Association, as the state professional association  
17 representing psychologists in all practice, research, and academic settings, works to further  
18 the development of psychology as a science, as an applied practice, and as a means of  
19 promoting human welfare; and

20 WHEREAS, Georgia was one of the first states to license psychologists, and there are  
21 currently more than 2,314 licensed psychologists across this state; and

22 WHEREAS, on February 15, 2017, the Georgia Psychological Association will be presenting  
23 "Psychologists for a Healthier Georgia," a mind and body health fair at the state capitol; and

24 WHEREAS, many psychologists and psychology trainees will be at the state capitol on that  
25 date to interact with legislators, staff, and the public.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
27 commend the Georgia Psychological Association and its members for furthering the  
28 scientific understanding of behavioral and cognitive processes and for dedicated service to  
29 the people of Georgia and recognize February 15, 2017, as Psychology Day at the state  
30 capitol.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
32 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the Georgia  
33 Psychological Association.