

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1091

By Watson

A RESOLUTION to celebrate National Physical Therapy Month.

WHEREAS, physical therapy is defined as the treatment of disease, injury, or deformity by physical methods such as massage, heat treatment, or exercise, rather than by drugs or surgery; and

WHEREAS, the practice of physical therapy aims to transform society by optimizing movement to improve the human experience; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Physical Therapy Association (TPTA) speaks for the best interests of the public in recommending physical therapy by a licensed physical therapist in order to achieve better health outcomes; and

WHEREAS, according to Bureau of Labor statistics, there are 4,580 physical therapists in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) has designated October 2024 as National Physical Therapy Month to raise public awareness of the many health benefits offered by physical therapy to people across the United States and around the world; and

WHEREAS, the APTA and TPTA are joining together during October 2024 to educate the public about the importance of preventive health; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of these dedicated healthcare professionals by observing National Physical Therapy Month; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF

REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we join with the American Physical Therapy Association and the Tennessee Physical Therapy Association in the celebration of October 2024 as National Physical Therapy Month.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.