

House Resolution 950

By: Representatives Frye of the 122nd, Reese of the 140th, Hawkins of the 27th, Newton of the 127th, Hutchinson of the 106th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Georgia Psychological Association; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Georgia Psychological Association is the state's largest association of
4 psychologists with the simple mission and vision of advancing the profession of psychology
5 in the state and serving as the preeminent resource and advocate for Georgia psychologists;
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7 WHEREAS, the Georgia Psychological Association began in August 1947 to advance the
8 profession but also to create a licensure process that was enacted for the profession in 1951;
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10 WHEREAS, the Georgia Psychological Association continues to successfully serve as an
11 organization committed to the health and well-being of Georgians; and

12 WHEREAS, the Georgia Psychological Association strives to promote the profession of
13 psychology and the services provided to thousands of Georgians by its doctoral level-trained
14 professionals; and

15 WHEREAS, the Georgia Psychological Association provides professional and practice
16 viability services to its more than 800 member psychologists and trainees; provides a singular
17 voice for these practicing professionals; and serves as a resource center, promoting
18 educational offerings to its members and the public; and

19 WHEREAS, the Georgia Psychological Association continues to address challenges that the
20 field of mental health has faced, including promoting access to quality care, by supporting
21 training and legislation in the use of telepsychology to provide treatment and assessment
22 services; and

23 WHEREAS, the association further supports the interstate compact PSYPACT and seeks to
24 expand on the mental health reforms made through the passage of House Bill 1013, the
25 Mental Health Parity Act; and

26 WHEREAS, the Georgia Psychological Association continues to collaborate on solutions to
27 challenges its members have with Medicaid enrollment, reimbursement, and coding
28 concerns; seeks greater access to mental health services in the wake of the pandemic,
29 especially in rural areas where there are fewer providers; offers ideas to provide greater
30 mental health services access to children and adolescents; and addresses licensure,
31 credentialing, and workforce issues; and

32 WHEREAS, the Georgia Psychological Association's programs support the mentorship,
33 training, and overall development of psychology professionals from graduate school through
34 retirement via programming at the Atlanta Science Fair; graduate student involvement and
35 awards; early career support; and a Senior Psychologist network; and

36 WHEREAS, the Georgia Psychological Association provides resources for the public good,
37 linking the provision of the services of psychologists and supporting the mental health
38 profession.

39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
40 the members of this body convey their heartiest commendation to the Georgia Psychological
41 Association as well as its staff and volunteers for their past, present, and future work on
42 behalf of the individuals and families they serve in this state, throughout our nation, and
43 around the world.

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body encourage all citizens to seek
45 mental health services as needed to remain healthy.

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