

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 9

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A RESOLUTION

To commend the Louisiana Physical Therapy Association for its outstanding achievements and to recognize March 14 through 18, 2016, as Louisiana Physical Therapy Association Week.

WHEREAS, physical therapy is a physical medicine and rehabilitation speciality that remediates impairments and promotes mobility, function, and quality of life for patients through examination, diagnosis, prognosis, and physical intervention, which uses mechanical force and movements; and

WHEREAS, the practice of physical therapy endeavors to enhance the physical health and functional abilities of the people of Louisiana through the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of movement dysfunctions and neuromusculoskeletal conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Physical Therapy Association adopted its first by-laws in 1982 and, since its inception, has provided outstanding leadership for those eligible for its membership of physical therapists, physical therapy assistants, and students in Louisiana who are pursuing careers in the practice of physical therapy; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Physical Therapy Association strives to expand its membership among physical therapists, physical therapy assistants and students in these areas of study in order to enhance participation in legislative policymaking to achieve greater influence in health care delivery issues for the benefit of their patients; and

WHEREAS, the association has been instrumental in assisting its members to provide the highest quality care available and the members of the association proudly employ their skills in the best interest of their patients; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Physical Therapy Association proclaims in its mission statement that it exists to optimize the health and quality of life of the people in Louisiana by advancing the profession of physical therapy; and

WHEREAS, this outstanding organization has provided leadership to the physical therapists and physical therapy assistants who practice in Louisiana by promoting key values and behaviors that embrace professionalism; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Physical Therapy Association provides numerous educational opportunities to meet the needs of students of physical therapy, clinicians, and the society, at large; and

WHEREAS, with an aging population and an increasing emphasis on physical fitness and health, the physical therapists, physical therapy assistants, and students engaged in the study of these professions will play an ever increasingly significant part in improving health outcomes and longevity for Louisiana citizens into the future.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Louisiana Physical Therapy Association for its outstanding achievements and does hereby recognize March 14 through 18, 2016, as Louisiana Physical Therapy Association Week.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Louisiana Physical Therapy Association.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE