

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1090

By Watson

A RESOLUTION to recognize Occupational Therapy Month, April 2024.

WHEREAS, Occupational Therapy (OT) Month was initiated in 1980 to recognize the vitally important work of occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants; and

WHEREAS, each April, the American Occupational Therapy Association and Americans from all walks of life celebrate OT Month and the more than 213,000 occupational therapists, occupational therapy assistants, and students who work nationwide to create fuller lives for clients and their families; and

WHEREAS, occupational therapy is the only profession that helps people across the lifespan participate in the things they want and need to do through the therapeutic use of daily activities, or occupations; and

WHEREAS, occupational therapy practitioners enable people of all ages to live life to its fullest by helping them promote health and prevent (or live better with) injury, illness, or disability; and

WHEREAS, common occupational therapy interventions include helping children with disabilities to participate fully in school and social situations, helping people recovering from injury to regain skills, and providing supports for older adults experiencing physical and cognitive changes; and

WHEREAS, occupational therapy practitioners have a holistic perspective, in which the focus is on adapting the environment and/or task to fit the person, and the person is an integral part of the therapy team; and

WHEREAS, occupational therapy is an evidence-based practice deeply rooted in science and a vital therapeutic and rehabilitative tool; 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 recognize Occupational Therapy Month, April 2024, and thank occupational therapy practitioners nationwide for their instrumental role in promoting health and preventing and mitigating injury, illness, and disability.

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.