

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of the Texas Physical Therapy Association
2 are visiting Austin on February 12, 2013, and this occasion
3 provides a fitting opportunity to recognize the vital importance of
4 physical therapy to the health and productivity of many Texans; and

5 WHEREAS, The goal of physical therapy is to improve the
6 quality of life and well-being for people of all ages, from newborns
7 to elderly individuals, who suffer from conditions that limit the
8 body's ability to move and function in daily life; with care and
9 dedication, physical therapist practitioners empower their clients
10 to heal, recuperate, and get back to their lives; and

11 WHEREAS, Today, more than 18,500 physical therapists and
12 physical therapist assistants treat an estimated 100,000 Texans
13 each day in a variety of settings, including hospitals, private
14 practices, outpatient clinics, home health agencies, schools,
15 workplaces, nursing homes, and sports and fitness facilities; not
16 only do these health care professionals offer personally tailored
17 programs to help individuals overcome injuries, but they also work
18 with their patients to prevent future illness and harm; and

19 WHEREAS, A chapter of the American Physical Therapy
20 Association, the Texas Physical Therapy Association was founded in
21 1930; it represents more than 4,000 physical therapists, physical
22 therapist assistants, and physical therapy students; across Texas,
23 these skilled professionals make valuable contributions to the
24 advancement of physical therapy practice, research, and education

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1 to better serve the public's health care needs; and

2 WHEREAS, Physical therapists have helped countless Texans
3 suffering from diseases or injuries to regain their health,
4 mobility, and independence, enabling them to return to enjoying
5 healthy, productive lives; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
7 Legislature hereby recognize February 12, 2013, as Texas Physical
8 Therapy Day and commend physical therapists and physical therapist
9 assistants on their important work; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for the Texas Physical Therapy Association as an
12 expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 358 was adopted by the House on February 12, 2013, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House