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H.R. No. 188

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, February 19, 2019, is Texas Occupational Therapy
2 Association Day at the State Capitol, and the occasion provides a
3 fitting opportunity to recognize the outstanding contributions of
4 the dedicated individuals working in this field; and

5 WHEREAS, Founded in 1936 and officially incorporated in 1973,
6 the Texas Occupational Therapy Association is an affiliate of the
7 American Occupational Therapy Association, and it is the largest
8 professional association for occupational therapy practitioners
9 and students in Texas; the organization encourages the involvement
10 and continuing education of its members through its annual
11 conference and through its six geographical districts, the Great
12 Plains West District, the Rio Grande District, the Alamo South
13 District, the Gulf Coast East District, the Capital Centex
14 District, and the Trinity North District; and

15 WHEREAS, There are approximately 10,235 occupational
16 therapists and 5,800 occupational therapy assistants currently
17 licensed by the Texas Board of Occupational Therapy Examiners; they
18 work in a variety of treatment settings, such as hospitals,
19 outpatient clinics, schools, home health agencies, and nursing
20 homes, and they often work with other health care providers,
21 including physical therapists, speech language pathologists,
22 physicians, psychologists, social workers, and nurses; and

23 WHEREAS, Occupational therapy is the only profession that
24 helps people across the lifespan to do the things they want and need

1 to do through therapeutic use of daily activities, and occupational
2 therapists are an important part of the health care team because
3 they help patients regain their ability to do daily activities
4 after life-changing injury or illness or when a person has a
5 developmental disability; and

6 WHEREAS, Through their specialized training and expertise,
7 occupational therapy practitioners enable Texans of all ages to
8 live life to its fullest by helping them promote physical and mental
9 health and prevent--or live better with--injury, illness, or
10 disability, and their contributions are indeed deserving of
11 recognition; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
13 Legislature hereby recognize February 19, 2019, as Texas
14 Occupational Therapy Association Day at the State Capitol and
15 commend occupational therapy practitioners for the essential
16 services they provide; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for the Texas Occupational Therapy Association as an
19 expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.