

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 91

BY REPRESENTATIVE PRESSLY

A RESOLUTION

To designate April 28, 2022, as Louisiana Occupational Therapy Association Day at the state capitol.

WHEREAS, Louisiana has over 3,000 licensed occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants; and

WHEREAS, occupational therapists use a holistic approach to helping people at all stages of life participate in routine and recreational activities; and

WHEREAS, the positive benefits of occupational therapy include reduced incidence of falls; reduced health risks; reduction of the rate of nursing home admissions; a lowering of the readmission rates to hospitals; lower rates of depression; and improved quality of life in people with chronic disease; and

WHEREAS, occupational therapists use the patient's active participation in functional activities and simulated work tasks to improve the individual's function, thereby making him or her a more productive member of society; and

WHEREAS, similarly, occupational therapists seek to return clients to work or home independence and, in so doing, reduce hospital and nursing home admissions, thereby saving significant amounts of money for both individual companies and the government; and

WHEREAS, in the industrial setting, occupational therapists develop fitness and injury prevention programs which keep employees healthy and their employers financially competitive.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Thursday, April 28, 2022, as Louisiana Occupational Therapy Association Day at the state capitol and does hereby call upon the people of Louisiana to celebrate the achievements of occupational therapists who, through their good work, keep Louisianians healthy and active.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES