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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 231

BY REPRESENTATIVE STAGNI

## A RESOLUTION

To commend the American Therapy Association-Louisiana Chapter for outstanding achievements and to designate May 29, 2025, as Physical Therapy Day at the state capitol.

WHEREAS, the American Physical Therapy Association-Louisiana Chapter serves as the principal membership organization representing and advancing the physical therapy profession, with a mission to enhance physical health, mobility, and functional abilities across all stages of life, from infancy through aging, while reinforcing the profession's critical role in the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of movement dysfunctions and neuromusculoskeletal conditions; and

WHEREAS, physical therapy is instrumental in preserving independence, promoting functional recovery, and improving the quality of life for individuals by addressing movement impairments through evidence-based interventions that reduce disability and enhance overall well-being; and

WHEREAS, early access to physical therapy services has been shown to improve health outcomes, mitigate the need for opioid use and surgical interventions, and contribute to cost containment within the healthcare system by preventing the progression of movement disorders into more severe and debilitating conditions; and

WHEREAS, the vision of the American Physical Therapy Association-Louisiana Chapter is to advocate for physical therapy as the public's preferred choice for the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of neuromusculoskeletal conditions and movement dysfunctions, thereby advancing a model of healthcare that prioritizes noninvasive, patient-centered care; and

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WHEREAS, physical therapists and physical therapist assistants uphold the highest standards of professionalism, demonstrating principles of altruism, excellence, integrity, respect, communication, and accountability while collaborating with other healthcare professionals to promote optimal health and wellness at both individual and community levels; and

WHEREAS, the dedication and expertise of the members of the American Physical Therapy Association-Louisiana Chapter have had a profound and positive impact on communities throughout the state, improving lives through increased access to high-quality rehabilitative and preventative care, and their unwavering commitment to advancing the profession and enhancing healthcare delivery merits special recognition.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the members of the American Physical Therapy Association-Louisiana Chapter for their exemplary service, professional excellence, and significant contributions to the well-being of Louisiana's citizens and does hereby designate May 29, 2025, as Physical Therapy Day at the state capitol.

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

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES