

House Resolution 255

By: Representative Smith of the 133rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the American Massage Therapy Association – Georgia Chapter and
2 recognizing February 19, 2019, as American Massage Therapy Association – Georgia
3 Chapter Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the American Massage Therapy Association – Georgia Chapter is a nonprofit
5 entity which is a part of the largest national organization of massage therapists promoting the
6 benefits of massage to the public and health care community; and

7 WHEREAS, members of the American Massage Therapy Association – Georgia Chapter are
8 licensed, regulated professionals; and

9 WHEREAS, the membership of the American Massage Therapy Association – Georgia
10 Chapter reside throughout the State of Georgia, providing licensed and regulated massage
11 therapy services to their clients; and

12 WHEREAS, the American Massage Therapy Association – Georgia Chapter's members
13 embrace consistency in education, training standards, and requirements; and

14 WHEREAS, the American Massage Therapy Association – Georgia Chapter works toward
15 providing continuing education and training to its members, in addition to advocating on
16 behalf of its members before state and local agencies; and

17 WHEREAS, massage therapy is advantageous to the overall health and wellness of
18 individuals and is now being integrated into traditional health care; and

19 WHEREAS, massage therapy has been shown in clinical research to be helpful in managing
20 a number of health issues, including pain management, high blood pressure, stress,
21 fibromyalgia, arthritis, headaches, many forms of cancers, orthopedic injuries, and other
22 maladies; and

23 WHEREAS, new research shows that use of massage therapy rather than opioid medications,
24 where massage therapy has been shown to be effective on certain conditions, can lower costs
25 in combating the opioid epidemic.

26 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body commend the American Massage Therapy Association – Georgia
28 Chapter and its members for their years of dedicated public service to the citizens of the State
29 of Georgia, extend to them their most sincere best wishes for continued success, and
30 recognize February 19, 2019, as American Massage Therapy Association – Georgia Chapter
31 day at the state capitol.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
34 American Massage Therapy Association – Georgia Chapter.