

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1093

By Watson

A RESOLUTION to recognize October 25-31, 2020, as  
Respiratory Therapy Week.

WHEREAS, respiratory therapy is defined as exercise and treatments that help patients recover lung function, including post-surgery; and

WHEREAS, respiratory therapists are well-educated and highly trained health professionals who are committed to providing the highest quality patient care; and

WHEREAS, respiratory therapists work in all arenas of healthcare, including emergency rooms, critical care units, medical and surgical units, diagnostics, skilled nursing facilities, and home health care; and

WHEREAS, respiratory therapists educate the public about prevention and early detection of lung disease and encourage family physicians to utilize early screening; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Society for Respiratory Care is the Tennessee chapter of the American Association for Inhalation Therapy; and

WHEREAS, according to Bureau of Labor statistics, there are 3,520 respiratory therapists in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, President Ronald Regan first proclaimed Respiratory Therapy Week in 1982 to honor and recognize respiratory therapists and their vital role in sustaining high standards of health care; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to focus on increasing public awareness about the importance of early detection of chronic lung disease during the observance of Respiratory Therapy Week; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONCURRING, that we recognize October 25-31, 2020, as Respiratory Therapy Week in Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.