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H.R. No. 100

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, On this day, January 27, 2005, the Texas House of
2 Representatives is proud to recognize the outstanding
3 contributions our state's many osteopathic physicians have made to
4 the health and well-being of their fellow Texans; and

5 WHEREAS, Osteopathic medicine was founded by Andrew Taylor
6 Still, an Army physician who served in the Civil War and developed
7 osteopathic techniques as an alternative to the primitive and often
8 woefully inadequate medical treatment that he observed being
9 administered to wounded soldiers; and

10 WHEREAS, Emphasizing comprehensive care and specialized
11 treatment based on each patient's needs, osteopathic physicians
12 focus on the individual, rather than the illness, taking into
13 account the person's lifestyle and home, work, and social
14 environment; and

15 WHEREAS, These dedicated professionals offer a wide range of
16 health care services, including family and general practice,
17 internal medicine, obstetrics and gynecology, and pediatrics; and

18 WHEREAS, Texas is home to nearly 2,500 licensed osteopathic
19 physicians, with increasing numbers of female, Hispanic, and
20 African American practitioners, reflecting the diversity in the
21 state's population; osteopathic physicians treat individuals
22 throughout the state, including citizens in rural and other
23 underserved areas, providing excellent primary care and preventive
24 medical services to those patients; and

1 WHEREAS, The University of North Texas Health Science
2 Center's Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine trains many of these
3 physicians, who enter primary care residencies in numbers well
4 above the national average; and

5 WHEREAS, During the week of April 18-22, 2005, osteopathic
6 physicians are taking time out of their busy schedules to share
7 their expertise with the legislative community by volunteering for
8 the "Doctor of the Day" program at the State Capitol; their visit to
9 the Capitol today provides a fitting opportunity to acknowledge the
10 excellent service these physicians provide to citizens of the Lone
11 Star State; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
13 Legislature hereby recognize January 27, 2005, as Osteopathic
14 Medicine Day at the State Capitol and commend the osteopathic
15 physicians of Texas for their important work.