

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 57

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to pay tribute to the osteopathic physicians of Texas and to recognize January 27, 2005, as Osteopathic Medicine Day at the State Capitol; and

**WHEREAS**, Texas has 2,431 licensed osteopathic physicians; this figure includes a growing number of women, Hispanics, and African-Americans; the osteopathic physicians offer primary care through family practice, general practice, internal medicine, obstetrics and gynecology, and pediatrics; and

**WHEREAS**, Texas Osteopathic physicians also offer preventive medical services and specialty care and serve many citizens in rural and medically underserved areas in our state; and

**WHEREAS**, The University of North Texas Health Science Center's Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine continues to train students who enter primary care specialties in numbers well above the national average; and

**WHEREAS**, Osteopathic physicians will provide medical care to Texas legislators and their staffs as participants in the "Doctor of the Day" program at the State Capitol during the week of April 18 through 22, 2005; and

**WHEREAS**, Osteopathic physicians deserve recognition for providing high-quality, comprehensive care to Texans across our state; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby proclaim January 27, 2005, Osteopathic Medicine Day at the State Capitol and extend appreciation to osteopathic physicians for their contributions to health care; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for them as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on January 27, 2005.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate