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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Since the founding of osteopathic medicine in 1874,
2 physicians trained in this discipline have been committed to the
3 goal of providing skilled, holistic health care to their patients;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Osteopathic physicians (D.O.s) believe that home,
6 family, work, spiritual, and social environments have a significant
7 impact on an individual's health and well-being; and

8 WHEREAS, At present, there are 3,350 licensed D.O.s
9 practicing in the Lone Star State, and the ranks of medical
10 professionals in Texas include growing numbers of female and
11 Hispanic, Asian, and African American osteopathic physicians; and

12 WHEREAS, Texas osteopathic physicians offer primary care
13 through family, general, internal medicine, OB/GYN, and pediatric
14 practices, in addition to providing preventive medical services,
15 public health services, and an entire spectrum of specialty care;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Osteopathic physicians practice in many rural and
18 medically underserved areas of the state; in some instances, a D.O.
19 is the only physician in the county; and

20 WHEREAS, Osteopathic physicians also serve this state and
21 country as members of the United States armed forces; in that
22 capacity, a number have rendered distinguished service in Iraq; and

23 WHEREAS, The Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine, the
24 cornerstone of the University of North Texas Health Science Center,

1 continues to train physicians who enter primary care specialties in
2 numbers well above the national average for medical school
3 programs; and

4 WHEREAS, Osteopathic physicians are providing medical care
5 to Texas legislators and their staffs while serving as Doctor of the
6 Day at the State Capitol during the week of March 26 to March 30,
7 2007; and

8 WHEREAS, Practitioners of osteopathic medicine play a vital
9 role in meeting the health care needs of countless Texans, and their
10 myriad contributions to this state are indeed deserving of highest
11 commendation; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
13 Legislature hereby recognize March 30, 2007, as Osteopathic
14 Medicine Day at the State Capitol and extend to all the state's
15 osteopathic physicians and medical students sincere appreciation
16 for their commitment to providing quality, comprehensive, and
17 personalized care.