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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Osteopathic physicians from across the Lone Star
2 State are gathering in Austin on February 26, 2009, to commemorate
3 Osteopathic Medicine Day at the State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Osteopathic physicians are committed to meeting the
5 needs of the whole person and the whole family, and they share the
6 philosophical belief that home, work, and spiritual and social
7 environments have a significant impact on a patient's health and
8 well-being; and

9 WHEREAS, The Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine, the
10 cornerstone of the University of North Texas Health Science Center,
11 continues to train physicians who enter this field in numbers well
12 above the national average for medical school programs, and many go
13 on to offer primary care through family, general, internal
14 medicine, OB/GYN, and pediatric practices; they also provide
15 preventive and public health services, as well as an entire
16 spectrum of specialty care; there are currently 3,700 licensed
17 physicians in Texas who practice osteopathic medicine, including
18 growing numbers of women and Hispanic, Asian, and African
19 Americans; and

20 WHEREAS, Texas osteopathic physicians serve their country as
21 members of the United States armed forces; they also practice in
22 rural and medically underserved areas of the state, and in some
23 instances, they are the only doctors in their respective counties;
24 a number of these dedicated professionals are providing medical

1 care to Texas legislators and their staffs as participants in the
2 Doctor of the Day program at the State Capitol during the week of
3 February 23 to February 27, 2009; and

4 WHEREAS, Practitioners of osteopathic medicine play a vital
5 role in maintaining the health and well-being of countless Texans,
6 and they may indeed reflect with pride on their myriad
7 contributions to this state; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
9 Legislature hereby recognize February 26, 2009, as Osteopathic
10 Medicine Day at the State Capitol and extend to all the state's
11 osteopathic physicians and medical students sincere appreciation
12 for their efforts to provide quality, comprehensive, and
13 personalized care.