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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Osteopathic physicians from across the Lone Star

2 State are gathering in Austin on February 23, 2011, 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, Osteopathic medical students from Texas study at

10 many osteopathic medical schools across the country, and 728

11 students are currently enrolled at the University of North Texas

12 Health Science Center's Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine;

13 these students, upon graduation, will enter primary care

14 specialties in numbers well above the national and state averages

15 for medical school programs, and many go on to offer primary care

16 through family, general, internal medicine, OB/GYN, and pediatric

17 practices; they also provide preventive and public health services,

18 as well as an entire spectrum of specialty care; there are currently

19 nearly 4,000 licensed osteopathic physicians in Texas, including

20 growing numbers of women and Hispanic, Asian, and African American

21 doctors; and

22 WHEREAS, Texas osteopathic physicians serve their country as

23 members of the United States armed forces; they also practice in

24 rural and medically underserved areas of the state, and in some

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- 1 instances they are the only doctors in their respective counties; a
- 2 number of these dedicated professionals are providing medical care
- 3 to Texas legislators and their staffs as participants in the Doctor
- 4 of the Day program at the State Capitol during the week of February
- 5 21 to February 25, 2011; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Practitioners of osteopathic medicine play a vital
- 7 role in maintaining the health and well-being of countless Texans,
- 8 and they may indeed reflect with pride on their myriad
- 9 contributions to this state; now, therefore, be it
- 10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
- 11 Legislature hereby recognize February 23, 2011, as Osteopathic
- 12 Medicine Day at the State Capitol and extend to all the state's
- 13 osteopathic physicians and medical students sincere appreciation
- 14 for their efforts to provide quality, comprehensive, and
- 15 personalized care.

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	Speaker of the House
I certify that H.R. No. 517 was 23, 2011, by a non-record vote.	adopted by the House on February
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