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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Doctors of osteopathic medicine (DOs) in Texas have
2 contributed greatly to the health care system in the Lone Star
3 State; and

4 WHEREAS, Trained to consider the health of the whole person,
5 DOs are fully licensed to prescribe medicine and to practice in all
6 medical specialties, including surgery; there are currently more
7 than 3,000 osteopathic physicians in Texas, with about 2,000 of
8 them practicing primary care; and

9 WHEREAS, The Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine at the
10 University of North Texas Health Science Center trains osteopathic
11 physicians to promote overall good health, not just the treatment
12 of disease; the school's innovative applications-based curriculum
13 highlights cutting-edge research, dedication to primary care,
14 promotion of healthy aging, and the practice of rural medicine, and
15 its students excel at both academic and clinical studies; and

16 WHEREAS, Osteopathic physicians are ably represented across
17 the state by the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association, which
18 advances the philosophy and principles of osteopathic medicine and
19 serves the profession's unique needs; and

20 WHEREAS, Doctors of osteopathic medicine play an essential
21 role in the health care of countless Texans, and their contribution
22 to the welfare and prosperity of the state is truly deserving of
23 special recognition; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas

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1 Legislature hereby recognize April 14 through 20, 2013, as
2 Osteopathic Medicine Week.