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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Licensed athletic trainers have long provided 2 quality health care to individuals involved in sports and other 3 physical activities, and National Athletic Training Month in March 4 2016 provides a fitting opportunity to honor these notable health 5 care professionals; and

6 WHEREAS, In 1971, Texas became the first state to enact a law 7 requiring athletic trainers to meet specific standards of 8 education, competency, and ethics, and today all such practitioners 9 working in Texas are licensed and regulated by the Advisory Board of 10 Athletic Trainers; and

11 WHEREAS, Athletic trainers offer an extensive range of 12 services, from preventing injuries before games and sporting events 13 to recognizing and treating injuries after they occur, under the 14 direction of a physician; and

WHEREAS, Certified athletic trainers work in a variety of settings, and secondary schools, colleges and universities, professional and amateur athletic organizations, clinics and hospitals, and corporations and industries all benefit from their expertise; and

20 WHEREAS, The Texas State Athletic Trainers' Association 21 (TSATA), which was established in 2001, endeavors to promote, 22 enhance, and advance the athletic training profession in the Lone 23 Star State; the organization offers a number of valuable services 24 to its members and strives to be the voice of thousands of licensed

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1 athletic trainers statewide; and

2 WHEREAS, TSATA works with the Office of Acquired Brain Injury 3 (OABI) and the Traumatic Brain Injury Advisory Council (TBIAC) to 4 provide brain injury education, awareness, prevention, and service 5 referral and coordination; and

6 WHEREAS, The men and women who work as athletic trainers play 7 a positive role in the lives of countless Texas residents, and they 8 indeed merit special commendation for their efforts and 9 achievements; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas 11 Legislature hereby recognize March 2016 as National Athletic 12 Training Month in Texas and extend thanks and best wishes to the 13 state's athletic trainers.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2915 was adopted by the House on May 30, 2015, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House