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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
- 16 settings, and secondary schools, colleges and universities,
- 17 professional and amateur athletic organizations, clinics and
- 18 hospitals, and corporations and industries all benefit from their
- 19 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.