

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 367

WHEREAS, Licensed athletic trainers have long provided quality health care to individuals involved in sports and other physical activities, and National Athletic Training Month in March 2015 provides a fitting opportunity to honor these notable health care professionals; and

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

WHEREAS, Athletic trainers offer an extensive range of services, from preventing injuries before games and sporting events to recognizing and treating injuries after they occur, under the 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

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

WHEREAS, The association works with the Office of Acquired Brain Injury and the Traumatic Brain Injury Advisory Council to

provide brain injury education, awareness, prevention, and service referral and coordination; and

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

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 84th Legislature, hereby recognize March 2015 as National Athletic Training Month in Texas and extend thanks and best wishes to the state's athletic trainers.

Kolkhorst

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 16, 2015.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate