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A senate RESOLUTION

TO RECOGNIZE MARCH 12, 2025, AS “OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE DAY” IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO CELEBRATE THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTIETH YEAR OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE.

Whereas, the osteopathic medical profession is celebrating the one hundred fiftieth year anniversary of the development of what is now osteopathic medicine in the United States; and

Whereas, osteopathic medicine originated in the studies of Andrew Taylor Still, an American doctor of osteopathic medicine, physician, and surgeon; and

Whereas, during the past three decades, the number of doctors of osteopathic medicine in the United States has more than quadrupled, increasing by seventy percent in the past ten years; and

Whereas, South Carolina has rapidly grown its numbers of osteopathic physicians reaching twelve percent of licensed physicians and residents‑in‑training in the State; and

Whereas, colleges of osteopathic medicine make up twenty‑one percent of our nation’s medical schools, students of osteopathic medicine make up twenty‑eight percent of our nation’s medical students, and doctors of osteopathic medicine make up fifteen percent of our nation's physicians; and

Whereas, osteopathic physicians have made tremendous contributions in leadership, research, and patient care in the United States, including treating United States presidents, serving as flag officers in the United States military, Coast Guard, and Public Health Service, and conducting research at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the National Institutes of Health; and

Whereas, osteopathic physicians have a strong tradition of caring for patients in rural and underserved communities in all parts of the country, with a strong presence in the primary care specialties; and

Whereas, osteopathic physicians are proportionately overrepresented in the Unites States military, making up forty‑three percent of the current number of physicians in the Air Force and forty‑four percent of all Health Professions Scholarship Program medical students; and

Whereas, osteopathic physicians are trained to help patients heal from within—in body, mind, and spirit—employing a hands‑on, patient‑centered approach that includes the distinctive use of osteopathic manipulative medicine, when indicated, to diagnose and treat conditions, preserve good health, and prevent the spread of disease; and

Whereas, the Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine—Carolinas Campus in Spartanburg is the State's only permanent four‑year osteopathic medical school, committed to training globally‑minded, community‑focused physicians to practice in the rural and underserved areas of the State and nation; and

Whereas, the AT Still University School of Osteopathic Medicine has an Affiliated Health Center Training Site in Beaufort, Jasper, and Hampton Counties and prepares its graduates to practice in the rural and underserved areas of South Carolina and the nation; and

Whereas, South Carolinians recognize the need for osteopathic physicians who are committed to improving the health of all Americans through practice in primary care specialties and the additional specialties most needed in rural and underserved areas. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize March 12, 2025, as “Osteopathic Medicine Day” in South Carolina and celebrate the one hundred fiftieth year of osteopathic medicine.

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