A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE VETERANS' SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO CONDUCT A
STUDY OF THE EFFICACY OF NAPRAPATHIC MEDICINE IN TREATING
VETERANS WHO SUFFER FROM POSTTRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER.

WHEREAS, naprapathic medicine has been practiced for
over one hundred years to treat pain; and

WHEREAS, naprapaths are connective tissue specialists
who use a hands-on approach to treat ligaments, tendons and
fascia to facilitate spinal alignment without the use of
drugs; and

WHEREAS, many veterans suffer pain from service-
connected injuries and from the effects of posttraumatic
stress disorder; and

WHEREAS, traditional modalities to treat pain may not
always provide relief to veterans with service-connected
injuries; and

WHEREAS, it is important to provide veterans with every
avenue available that can provide relief from their injuries;
and

WHEREAS, many veterans in the state seek treatment
through naprapathic medicine; and

WHEREAS, due to the draw down of the troops in the
Middle East, an influx of veterans coming back to the state is
expected, and they will require various treatment options for

their injuries; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico should prepare for these veterans and put in place additional opportunities for treating their muscular and skeletal injuries;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the veterans' services department be requested to conduct a study, in cooperation with the department of health and local naprapathic practitioners, of the benefits of naprapathic medicine in treating veterans suffering from pain due to service-connected injuries and due to the effects of posttraumatic stress disorder; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study be presented to the military and veterans' affairs committee on or before December 1, 2013; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the secretary of veterans' services, the secretary of health and to the members of the New Mexico congressional delegation.