

A MEMORIAL

DECLARING MARCH 2013 "NATIONAL ATHLETIC TRAINING MONTH" IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, athletic trainers have a long history of providing quality health care services for athletes and those engaged in regular physical activity; and

WHEREAS, athletic trainers are able to recommend specific tasks and activities based on the knowledge and skills they acquired through national educational requirements; and

WHEREAS, athletic trainers are educated and skilled in the prevention, recognition, evaluation and aggressive treatment of athletic injuries; and

WHEREAS, athletic trainers provide rehabilitative services, education and health care guidance for their clients; and

WHEREAS, the national athletic trainers' association represents and supports thirty-two thousand members of the athletic training profession, including over one hundred fifty athletic trainers in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, athletic trainers are employed in a variety of settings, including professional sports organizations, colleges and universities, high schools, clinics and hospitals, corporate and industrial settings and all branches

of the United States military; and

WHEREAS, leading organizations concerned with athletic training and health care have united in a common commitment to raise public awareness of the importance of the profession of athletic training and the role of athletic trainers in the provision of quality health care services; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the house of representatives to promote improved health care for athletes and all those who engage in physical activity, especially those participating in the annual legislative basketball game;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that March 2013 be declared "National Athletic Training Month" in the house of representatives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the New Mexico athletic trainers association and the national athletic trainers' association.