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HOUSE MEMORIAL 53

51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2013

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING FEBRUARY 14, 2013 "PHYSICAL THERAPY DAY" IN THE HOUSE
OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, physical therapy is recognized in New Mexico as a
profession that brings great value to the residents of the
state; and

WHEREAS, physical therapy has been established as an
advanced health professional degree, subject to licensure by
the state; and

WHEREAS, more than one thousand nine hundred people are
licensed to practice physical therapy in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, physical therapy serves the best interests of the
public by promoting physical fitness and wellness-oriented
programs and by raising awareness of the importance of
preventive health; and

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1 WHEREAS, physical therapists and physical therapist
2 assistants contribute to the well-being of individuals of all
3 age groups and populations by using their skills, judgments and
4 interventions to correct impairments and functional limitations
5 and to prevent disabilities related to movement, function and
6 health; and

7 WHEREAS, physical therapists and physical therapist
8 assistants are crucial contributors in addressing anticipated
9 health care provider shortages; and

10 WHEREAS, physical therapy prevents "downstream" health
11 care costs, including the cost of surgery and expensive medical
12 testing; and

13 WHEREAS, physical therapy provides local jobs to New
14 Mexicans who assist in fueling New Mexico's economy; and

15 WHEREAS, physical therapists studying in New Mexico are
16 now required to receive a doctorate in physical therapy,
17 providing even more expertise to the patients they serve; and

18 WHEREAS, physical therapy has helped members of the New
19 Mexico house of representatives and their family members to
20 recover from injuries and make a timely return to work and
21 school;

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
23 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 14,
24 2013 be declared "Physical Therapy Day" in the house of
25 representatives; and

