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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING FEBRUARY 11, 2016 "NEW MEXICO ATHLETIC TRAINER DAY"  
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 more than 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

1 of the United States military; and

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

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

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
13 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 11,  
14 2016 be declared "New Mexico Athletic Trainer Day" in the  
15 house of representatives; and

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