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To observe the contributions of the chiropractic profession and recognize
National Chiropractic Health Month.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BOSWELL (for himself, Mr. LATHAM, Mr. BRALEY of Iowa, Mr. LOEBSACK, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. TERRY, and Mr. MICHAUD) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

RESOLUTION

To observe the contributions of the chiropractic profession
and recognize National Chiropractic Health Month.

Whereas one-half of all working Americans admit to having
back pain symptoms each year;

Whereas back pain is one of the most common reasons for
missed work and back pain is the second most common
reason for visits to the doctor's office, outnumbered only
by upper respiratory infections;

Whereas Americans spend at least \$50 billion each year on
back pain;

Whereas studies estimate that as many as 80 percent of the
population will experience a back problem at some time
in their lives;

Whereas chiropractic is a health care profession that focuses on disorders of the musculoskeletal system and the nervous system, and the effects of these disorders on general health;

Whereas chiropractic care is used to treat neuromusculoskeletal complaints, including back pain, neck pain, pain in the joints of the arms or legs, and headaches;

Whereas doctors of chiropractic practice a drug-free, hands-on approach to health care that includes patient examination, diagnosis, and treatment;

Whereas doctors of chiropractic have broad diagnostic skills and are trained to recommend therapeutic and rehabilitative exercises, as well as to provide nutritional, dietary, and lifestyle counseling, reaffirming their role as providers trained in wellness and prevention;

Whereas chiropractic is the third largest doctoral-level health profession in the United States counting over 60,000 practitioners, many of which serve as front line providers in rural and underserved areas;

Whereas approximately 22 million Americans annually seek the care of a doctor of chiropractic;

Whereas doctors of chiropractic regularly receive high rates of patient satisfaction of health care providers in the United States;

Whereas doctors of chiropractic are important health care professionals, providing direct patient care and support, they are able to supply primary and preventative care expanded in the Affordable Care Act;

Whereas Congress has enacted legislation to help ensure the availability of chiropractic care to our Nation's veterans and military personnel;

Whereas the month of October has been designated by the American Chiropractic Association as “National Chiropractic Health Month” to bring attention to the value of the chiropractic profession for the Nation; and

Whereas the theme of this year’s National Chiropractic Health Month is addressing obesity, an issue that is the focal point of the administration’s “Let’s Move” initiative: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives recog-
- 2 nizes the valuable contributions of the chiropractic profes-
- 3 sion and recognizes National Chiropractic Health Month.

