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H. RES. 159

Expressing support for designation of the week of April 14, 2013, through April 20, 2013, as National Osteopathic Medicine Week.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 12, 2013

Mr. HECK of Nevada submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

RESOLUTION

Expressing support for designation of the week of April 14, 2013, through April 20, 2013, as National Osteopathic Medicine Week.

Whereas there are currently more than 100,000 osteopathic physicians and osteopathic medical students in the United States;

Whereas osteopathic physicians have made significant contributions to the United States health care system since the founding of osteopathic medicine by Andrew Taylor Still, M.D., D.O., in 1874;

Whereas osteopathic physicians have treated United States presidents, Olympic athletes, contributed to the fight against AIDS and the fight for civil rights, and served on national health care panels;

Whereas osteopathic physicians are fully licensed to prescribe medicine and practice in all specialty areas of medicine, including surgery;

Whereas osteopathic physicians are trained to consider the health of the whole person and use their hands to help diagnose and treat their patients;

Whereas osteopathic physicians and medical students in the United States are dedicated to improving the health of their communities through education and awareness-based efforts, as well as by delivering quality health services;

Whereas the citizens of the United States recognize the need for osteopathic physicians who are committed to bringing attention to improving the health of people in the United States, regardless of age, income level, or ethnicity; and

Whereas the week of April 14, 2013, through April 20, 2013, would be an appropriate week to designate as National Osteopathic Medicine Week: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives supports
- 2 the designation of National Osteopathic Medicine Week.

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