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Senate Resolution No. \_\_\_\_

A resolution commending the osteopathic physicians of this state and recognizing April 19, 2000, as Osteopathic Medicine Day.

WHEREAS, osteopathic physicians provide health care services that account for more than 100 million patient visits in this country each year, and

WHEREAS, this state has nine accredited osteopathic hospitals, an osteopathic medical college, and the fourth largest osteopathic physician population in the United States, and

WHEREAS, since 1990, the number of active osteopathic physicians in this state has increased by 47 percent, and

WHEREAS, osteopathic manipulation of the musculoskeletal system is a viable and proven technique for many diagnoses and treatments and provides an alternative to many drug therapies, and

WHEREAS, osteopathic physicians provide comprehensive medical care, including preventive medicine, diagnoses, and the appropriate use of drugs, surgery, manipulation, and hospital referrals, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

That the Florida Senate commends the osteopathic physicians of this state for their contributions to the health and welfare of the residents of this state and recognizes April 19, 2000, as Osteopathic Medicine Day.