By Senator Montford

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Senate Resolution

A resolution commending the osteopathic physicians of this state and recognizing January 18, 2018, as "Osteopathic Medicine and Health Awareness Day" in Florida.

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WHEREAS, there are currently more than 100,000 osteopathic physicians in the United States, and

WHEREAS, osteopathic physicians provide health care services that account for more than 76 million patient visits nationwide each year, and

WHEREAS, Florida has three accredited osteopathic hospitals, two osteopathic medical colleges, and the third-largest osteopathic physician population in the nation, 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,

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

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That the Florida Senate commends the osteopathic physicians of this state and recognizes January 18, 2018, as "Osteopathic Medicine and Health Awareness Day" in Florida.