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S. RES. 181

Designating the week of April 14 through April 20, 2025, as “National Osteopathic Medicine Week”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. WICKER (for himself, Mr. HEINRICH, and Mrs. CAPITO) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Designating the week of April 14 through April 20, 2025,
as “National Osteopathic Medicine Week”.

Whereas there are more than 157,000 osteopathic physicians
and nearly 40,000 osteopathic medical students in the
United States;

Whereas osteopathic physicians and medical students train at
high-caliber schools of osteopathic medicine across the
United States, including in rural and underserved com-
munities;

Whereas, in 1874, Andrew Taylor Still, MD, DO, introduced
the principles of osteopathic medicine, emphasizing the
idea that the body is a unit, and its structure and func-
tion are interrelated;

Whereas osteopathic physicians have made significant contributions to the healthcare system of the United States since the founding of the first osteopathic medical school in 1892;

Whereas the number of osteopathic physicians in the United States has increased by more than 70 percent in the past 10 years;

Whereas osteopathic medicine emphasizes a whole-person, patient-centric approach to healthcare, and osteopathic physicians play an important role in the healthcare system of the United States;

Whereas osteopathic physicians train and practice in all medical specialties and practice settings;

Whereas osteopathic physicians and medical students in the United States are dedicated to improving the health of their communities and delivering high-quality care for the body, mind, and spirit; and

Whereas osteopathic physicians practice in every State: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates the week of April 14 through
3 April 20, 2025, as “National Osteopathic Medicine
4 Week”;

5 (2) acknowledges 150 years of osteopathic medicine;
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7 (3) recognizes the contributions of osteopathic
8 physicians to the healthcare system of the United
9 States; and

- 1 (4) celebrates the role that colleges of osteo-
- 2 pathic medicine play in training the next generation
- 3 of physicians.

