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A MEMORIAL

PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 8, 2013 "NEW MEXICO OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY DAY" AT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants serve New Mexicans across their life spans through the therapeutic use of everyday activities, helping people to "Live Life to Its Fullest" after an illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, the practice of occupational therapy means the therapeutic use of occupations, including everyday life activities with individuals, groups, populations or organizations to support participation, performance and function in roles and situations in home, school, workplace, community and other settings; and

WHEREAS, occupational therapy services are provided for habilitation, rehabilitation and the promotion of health and

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1 wellness for those who have or are at risk for developing an  
2 illness, injury, disease, disorder, condition, impairment,  
3 disability, activity limitation or participation restriction;  
4 and

5 WHEREAS, occupational therapy addresses the physical,  
6 cognitive, psychosocial, sensory-perceptual and other aspects  
7 of performance in a variety of contexts and environments to  
8 support engagement in occupations that affect physical and  
9 mental health, well-being and quality of life; and

10 WHEREAS, the New Mexico occupational therapy association  
11 is a statewide professional body of occupational therapy  
12 practitioners with a mission to promote and develop the  
13 practice of occupational therapy in the state of New Mexico;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
15 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 8,  
16 2013 be proclaimed "Occupational Therapy Day" at the house of  
17 representatives and that recognition be extended to  
18 occupational therapy practitioners throughout the state for  
19 their valuable service; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
21 transmitted to the New Mexico occupational therapy association.