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HOUSE MEMORIAL 119

49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2009

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING MARCH "CERTIFIED ATHLETIC TRAINERS MONTH" IN NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, the profession of athletic training is practiced by athletic trainers, all of whom are certified health care professionals who collaborate with physicians to optimize the activity and participation of patients and clients; and

WHEREAS, athletic training encompasses prevention, diagnosis and intervention for emergency, acute and chronic medical conditions that involve impairment, functional limitations and disabilities; and

WHEREAS, students who want to become certified athletic trainers must earn a degree from an accredited athletic training program; and

WHEREAS, accredited programs include formal instruction in

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1 areas such as injury and illness prevention, first aid and
2 emergency care, assessment of injuries and illnesses, human
3 anatomy and physiology, therapeutic modalities and nutrition;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, to become a certified athletic trainer, a student
6 must graduate with a bachelor's or master's degree from an
7 accredited professional athletic training education program and
8 must pass a comprehensive test administered by the board of
9 certification; and

10 WHEREAS, more than seventy percent of certified athletic
11 trainers hold at least a master's degree; and

12 WHEREAS, once certified, athletic trainers must meet
13 ongoing continuing education requirements in order to keep
14 their certification up to date and active; and

15 WHEREAS, New Mexico has more than one hundred thirty
16 certified athletic trainers throughout the state, with many
17 employed in universities, junior colleges and high schools; and

18 WHEREAS, many of New Mexico's certified athletic trainers
19 have gone on to work for professional athletic teams; and

20 WHEREAS, certified athletic trainers work with more than
21 athletes and they can be found wherever people are physically
22 active; and

23 WHEREAS, certified athletic trainers play an important
24 role in many of our communities;

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF

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1 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that March be
2 declared "Certified Athletic Trainers Month" in New Mexico; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that congratulations and gratitude
4 be extended to all certified athletic trainers from around the
5 state for the care that they provide to their communities and
6 for fulfilling the "health care for life and sport" motto each
7 day; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
9 transmitted to the appropriate parties.