A MEMORIAL

DECLARING MARCH 3, 2011 "ATHLETIC TRAINER DAY" AND THE MONTH OF MARCH 2011 AS "NATIONAL ATHLETIC TRAINING MONTH" IN THE SENATE.

WHEREAS, athletic trainers have a long history of providing quality health care services for athletes and those engaged in regular physical activity; and

WHEREAS, athletic trainers are able to recommend specific tasks and activities based on the knowledge and skills they acquired through national educational requirements; and

WHEREAS, athletic trainers are skilled in the prevention, as well as the recognition, evaluation and aggressive treatment, of athletic injuries; and

WHEREAS, athletic trainers provide rehabilitative services, education and health care guidance for their clients; and

WHEREAS, the national athletic trainer's association represents and supports thirty-two thousand members of the athletic training profession, including over one hundred fifty athletic trainers in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, athletic trainers are employed in a variety of settings, including professional sports organizations, colleges and universities, high schools, clinics and

hospitals, corporate and industrial settings and in all branches of the United States military; and

WHEREAS, leading organizations concerned with athletic training and health care have united in a common commitment to raise public awareness of the importance of the profession of athletic training and the role of athletic trainers in the provision of quality health care services; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the senate to promote improved health care for athletes and all those who engage in physical activity, including those participating in the annual legislative basketball game;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that March 3, 2011 be declared "Athletic Trainer Day" and the month of March 2011 be declared "National Athletic Training Month" in the senate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to Tim Acklin, ATC, president, New Mexico athletic trainers association; Cathy R. Martinez, LAT, ATC, CSCS, vice president, New Mexico athletic trainers association; Marjorie J. Albohm, MS, ATC, president, national athletic trainers association; Andrellita Chavez, ATC, assistant professor of athletic training, New Mexico highlands university; Jeb Davis, MS, ATC, teaching assistant and PhD candidate, university of New Mexico; and Mike McMillan, MS, ATC.