

House Resolution No. 1773

96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES WYATT (Sponsor), CONWAY (14), McNEIL, REDMON,
CAUTHORN, RIZZO, TALBOY, FREDERICK AND FRANKLIN (Co-sponsors).

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2 **WHEREAS**, there are currently more than 78,000 osteopathic physicians (DOs) in the
3 United States; and

4 **WHEREAS**, DOs have made tremendous accomplishments to the American health care
5 system since it was founded by Andrew Taylor Still, MD, DO, in 1874; and

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7 **WHEREAS**, DOs have treated United States Presidents, Olympic athletes, contributed
8 to the fight against AIDS and the fight for civil rights, and served on national health care panels;
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11 **WHEREAS**, DOs are fully-licensed to prescribe medicine and practice in all specialty
12 areas of medicine, including surgery; and

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14 **WHEREAS**, DOs are trained to consider the health of the whole person and use their
15 hands to help diagnose and treat their patients; and

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17 **WHEREAS**, ranking 7th in the nation in terms of numbers of DOs, Missouri's 2,500
18 osteopathic physicians are dedicated to improving the health of their communities through
19 education and awareness-based efforts, as well as by delivering quality health services; and

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21 **WHEREAS**, Missouri has two osteopathic medical schools - the A.T. Still University-
22 Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine, established in 1892 as the first established
23 osteopathic medical school in the nation, and the Kansas City University of Medicine and
24 Biosciences-College of Osteopathic Medicine, the largest medical school in Missouri; and

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26 **WHEREAS**, the citizens of Kirksville, Kansas City, and the State of Missouri recognize
27 the need for osteopathic physicians who are committed to bringing attention to improving the
28 health of Americans, regardless of age, income level, or ethnicity:

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30 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that we, the members of the Missouri
31 House of Representatives, Ninety-sixth General Assembly, hereby recognize the week of April
32 15 - 21, 2012, as "National Osteopathic Medicine Week" and urge all citizens and community
33 organizations to support this observance by helping to educate citizens about DOs and
34 osteopathic medicine; and

35 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
36 Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for the A.T.
37 Still University-Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine and the Kansas City University of
38 Medicine and Biosciences-College of Osteopathic Medicine.

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