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**51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2013**

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE VETERANS' SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO CONDUCT A STUDY OF THE EFFICACY OF NAPRAPATHIC MEDICINE IN TREATING VETERANS WHO SUFFER FROM POSTTRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER.

WHEREAS, naprapathic medicine has been practiced for over one hundred years to treat pain; and

WHEREAS, naprapaths are connective tissue specialists who use a hands-on approach to treat ligaments, tendons and fascia to facilitate spinal alignment without the use of drugs; and

WHEREAS, many veterans suffer pain from service-connected injuries and from the effects of posttraumatic stress disorder; and

WHEREAS, traditional modalities to treat pain may not always provide relief to veterans with service-connected injuries; and

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1           WHEREAS, it is important to provide veterans with every  
2 avenue available that can provide relief from their injuries;  
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4           WHEREAS, many veterans in the state seek treatment through  
5 naprapathic medicine; and

6           WHEREAS, due to the draw down of the troops in the Middle  
7 East, an influx of veterans coming back to the state is  
8 expected, and they will require various treatment options for  
9 their injuries; and

10          WHEREAS, New Mexico should prepare for these veterans and  
11 put in place additional opportunities for treating their  
12 muscular and skeletal injuries;

13          NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
14 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the veterans'  
15 services department be requested to conduct a study, in  
16 cooperation with the department of health and local naprapathic  
17 practitioners, of the benefits of naprapathic medicine in  
18 treating veterans suffering from pain due to service-connected  
19 injuries and due to the effects of posttraumatic stress  
20 disorder; and

21          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study be presented to the  
22 military and veterans' affairs committee on or before December  
23 1, 2013; and

24          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
25 transmitted to the secretary of veterans' services, the

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1 secretary of health and to the members of the New Mexico  
2 congressional delegation.

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