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Recognizing the 100th anniversary of the American Podiatric Medical Association, the preeminent organization representing podiatric medicine and surgery, celebrating its achievements, and encouraging the association to continue providing guidance on foot and ankle health issues to the people of the United States and of the world.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 24, 2012

Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. CHAMBLISS) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the 100th anniversary of the American Podiatric Medical Association, the preeminent organization representing podiatric medicine and surgery, celebrating its achievements, and encouraging the association to continue providing guidance on foot and ankle health issues to the people of the United States and of the world.

Whereas, in 1912, Alfred Joseph was the driving force behind the establishment of the National Association of Chiropodists (referred to as the “NAC” in this preamble), an organization dedicated to the needs and educational standards of chiropodists and to advancing and advocating for the profession of podiatric medicine and surgery for the

benefit of its members and the public, and was elected the first president of the NAC;

Whereas, by 1922, most States had passed laws regulating the professional practice of chiropody;

Whereas, in 1922, the NAC began publishing the Journal of the National Association of Chiropodists and the NAC's Council on Education began its first college accreditation activities;

Whereas, in 1943, the NAC ran an advertisement campaign in Life magazine highlighting the efforts of podiatrists to keep United States soldiers marching;

Whereas, in 1957, the NAC was renamed the American Podiatry Association (referred to as the "APA" in this preamble);

Whereas, in 1959, the APA established the Educational Foundation to advance the growth and stability of podiatric medicine through student scholarships and increased national awareness of foot and ankle health;

Whereas, in 1967, podiatric physicians were included as covered providers under the Medicare program under title XVIII of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395 et seq.);

Whereas, in 1971, all the colleges of podiatric medicine began granting the DPM (doctor of podiatric medicine) degree to students graduating from 4 years of podiatric medical training;

Whereas, in 1984, the APA was renamed the American Podiatric Medical Association to emphasize the profession as part of mainstream medical practice;

Whereas, in 2011, the Council on Podiatric Medical Education adopted the requirements of a 3 year podiatric medicine and surgery residency, which was approved for full graduate medical education funding by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services;

Whereas the American Podiatric Medical Association regularly hosts medical and scientific meetings dedicated to highlighting and disseminating research findings and clinical advances in the prevention, detection, treatment, and cure of foot, ankle, and related conditions;

Whereas the American Podiatric Medical Association continues to meet its clinical and scientific mission through the publication of academic journals and clinical statements on the prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and cure of foot and ankle disorders, as well as through the provision of continuing medical education in foot and ankle care and through consumer education on foot and ankle health;

Whereas feet often reveal indicators of overall health, including signs of arthritis, diabetes, and nerve and circulatory disorders;

Whereas medically necessary care provided by podiatrists can reduce the risk of and prevent complications from these conditions and diseases, while at the same time offer savings to the heavily burdened health care system of the United States; and

Whereas the American Podiatric Medical Association has a long tradition of working in collaboration with the Federal Government to improve the foot and ankle health of all people of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

1 (1) recognizes the scientific, clinical, and public
2 health achievements of the American Podiatric Med-
3 ical Association as its members and staff commemo-
4 rate and celebrate its 100th anniversary;

5 (2) recognizes the great impact that the Amer-
6 ican Podiatric Medical Association has had on im-
7 proving the foot and ankle and related health of peo-
8 ple in the United States and around the world; and

9 (3) congratulates the American Podiatric Med-
10 ical Association for its achievements and encourages
11 the organization to continue providing scientific
12 guidance on foot and ankle and related health issues
13 to improve the public health of future generations.

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