

House Concurrent Resolution No. 35

94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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2 **Whereas**, on June 12, 2006, the Missouri Coordinating Board for Higher Education
3 acknowledged that the John Thomas College of Naturopathic Medicine in the State of Missouri
4 met or exceeded the standards required by statutes, rules, and regulations to provide degrees to
5 successful candidates for instruction in naturopathic medicine; and

6 **Whereas**, the educational standards for practicing doctors of Naturopathy should
7 require that such doctors:

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9 (1) Have graduated from institutions accredited by the Council on Naturopathic Medical
10 Education, its successor or equivalent, located at an institution of higher education that is
11 accredited by a regional accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of
12 Education; and

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14 (2) Have successfully completed and passed a nationally recognized examination; and

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16 **Whereas**, establishing uniform education standards and accountability throughout
17 Missouri in curriculum and clinical training for naturopathic physicians protects the public health
18 and welfare; and

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20 **Whereas**, the State of Missouri needs naturopaths to be trained in the medical
21 sciences, including but not limited to anatomy, biochemistry, microbiology, immunology,
22 pathology, physiology, physical and clinical diagnosis and treatment, lab diagnosis, diagnostic
23 imaging and natural therapeutics; and

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25 **Whereas**, such complementary health care engages the treatment of disease with
26 respect to modalities including nutrition, botanical medicine, homeopathy, hydrotherapy,
27 physical manipulation, and preventative care; and

28 **Whereas**, significant health benefits and cost savings to the State of Missouri will
29 result from identifying and implementing such a system of health care; and

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31 **Whereas**, the lack of health care availability in the State of Missouri in unserved
32 or under served areas compromises individual and state solvency, including depleting limited
33 Medicaid resources; and

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35 **Whereas**, informing the public as to the benefits of preventative health care options
36 is in the best interest of both the patient and the public:

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38 **Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the members of the House of
39 Representatives of the Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Senate
40 concurring therein, hereby recognize and applaud the John Thomas College of Naturopathic
41 Medicine as a school authorized to educate individuals in naturopathic medicine; and

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43 **Be it further resolved** that the General Assembly recognizes and applauds
44 graduates who received the degree of doctor of naturopathy from the John Thomas College of
45 Naturopathic Medicine and who have successfully passed the naturopathic physicians licensing
46 exam; and

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48 **Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
49 Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the
50 Governor Matt Blunt.

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