

SENATE RESOLUTION 62

(By Senator Fuller)

[Introduced March 11, 2026]

1 Designating March 12, 2026, as West Virginia Athletic Trainers Day at the Legislature.

2 Whereas, Athletic trainers are highly qualified, multi-skilled health care professionals who
3 provide services including injury and illness prevention, wellness promotion and education,
4 emergent care, examination and clinical diagnosis, therapeutic intervention, and rehabilitation of
5 injuries and medical conditions; and

6 Whereas, Athletic training is recognized as an allied health profession by the American
7 Medical Association, the Health Resources and Services Administration, and the U.S. Department
8 of Health and Human Services and are licensed in 49 states; and

9 Whereas, Athletic trainers provide medical services to a wide range of patients, not only
10 athletes, including workers, military personnel, performing artists, students, and community
11 members of all ages; and

12 Whereas, Athletic trainers help relieve workforce shortages in primary care support,
13 outpatient rehabilitation, and other health care settings; and

14 Whereas, Athletic trainers deliver a continuum of care, from initial injury prevention and
15 education to emergency response, clinical evaluation, treatment, and long-term rehabilitation; and

16 Whereas, Athletic trainers are trained to identify potential injury risks and implement
17 evidence-based preventive strategies that reduce injury severity and recovery time; and

18 Whereas, Athletic trainers are often onsite during practices, competitions, and training
19 activities, and have, on many occasions, provided immediate, life-saving emergency care that has
20 preserved life and prevented catastrophic outcomes; and

1 Whereas, Athletic trainers are qualified to evaluate, diagnose, and manage injuries, and to
2 facilitate critical communication among coaches, physicians, parents, and the injured individual,
3 ensuring coordinated and timely care; and

4 Whereas, West Virginia has demonstrated its commitment to expanding access to athletic
5 training services through legislative efforts such as the West Virginia Secondary School Athletic
6 Trainer and Career Technical Education Program Act, which aims to place licensed athletic
7 trainers in all public secondary schools; therefore, be it

8 *Resolved by the Senate:*

9 That the Senate hereby designates March 12, 2026, as West Virginia Athletic Trainers Day
10 at the Legislature; and, be it

11 *Further Resolved,* That the Senate hereby recognizes athletic trainers in West Virginia for
12 their dedication, expertise, and essential contributions to the public health of individuals and
13 communities.