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## NATIONAL GUILD OF HYPNOTISTS

**HON. WILLIAM H. ZELIFF, JR.**  
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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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Mr. ZELIFF. Mr. Speaker, New Hampshire State Representative Dennis H. Fields recently brought to my attention the activities of the National Guild of Hypnotists. At the request of Representative Fields, I am sharing his information with my colleagues.

The basic objectives of the National Guild of Hypnotists are: "to provide an open forum for the free exchange of ideas and to actively pursue due recognition of the importance of hypnotism for mankind." The National Guild of Hypnotists is pledged to constantly strive to establish and maintain a high code of ethics and to encourage continuing education and high standards for all individuals and organizations in the field of hypnotism and hypnotherapy.

Advisory board members have been enlisted from the major healing arts and other professions to provide a comprehensive pool of professional opinions and philosophies. A strong code of ethics guides members as they serve the public and other professionals. Researchers find the national Guild of Hypnotists to be a valuable resource for books, audiotapes, and videotapes and their widely read publications, the *HypnoGram* and *Journal of Hypnotism*.

Hypnosis has been used through the ages, but first started to be utilized more widely after recognition as a valid therapy by the British Medical Association in 1955 and the American Medical Association in 1958. The U.S. Department of Labor recognizes the occupational title of "hypnotherapist," and hypnotherapy is rapidly gaining recognition as a separate and distinct profession.

The National Guild of Hypnotists has initiated and continually upgrades basic and postgraduate educational resources for the benefit of students, practitioners, and the general public. Alternative therapies studies rank hypnotherapy as one of the most highly favored by the general public.

Annually, a thousand or more hypnotists come from around the world to New Hampshire for what has become known as the world's largest and friendliest hypnosis convention and educational conference. During the 42nd year of the National Guild of Hypnotists, we should commend and encourage them by recognizing their outstanding past accomplishments and wishing continued growth to this unique organization and its dedicated members.