

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Texas population is growing rapidly, and the
2 number of health care providers is not keeping pace; and

3 WHEREAS, Almost 70 percent of Texas counties were wholly or
4 partially designated as primary care Health Professional Shortage
5 Areas in 2015; and

6 WHEREAS, The Texas Legislature and governor approved \$53
7 million for graduate medical education funding in the 84th
8 Legislative Session to help address this shortage; and

9 WHEREAS, Before that investment, the Texas Higher Education
10 Coordinating Board projected that, by 2016, more than 100 Texas
11 medical school graduates would not have an opportunity to remain in
12 state for their residency training due to a lack of first-year
13 residency positions; and

14 WHEREAS, In 2015, Texas medical schools awarded 1,692 doctor
15 of medicine and doctor of osteopathic medicine degrees, and the
16 state opened two new medical schools in 2016, and an additional four
17 medical schools may be created in the near future; and

18 WHEREAS, This new growth in the number of medical school
19 graduates will all but nullify or outstrip the legislature's recent
20 efforts to expand graduate medical education and further hinder
21 Texas' efforts to achieve the goal of 1.1 residency positions for
22 each medical school graduate; now, therefore, be it

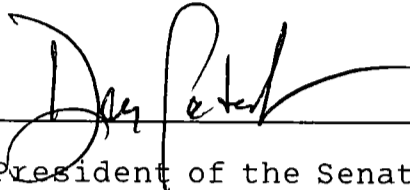
23 RESOLVED, That the 85th Legislature of the State of Texas
24 hereby express its support for prioritizing a substantial increase

1 in funding for graduate medical education before it considers
2 authorizing the creation and support of additional medical schools
3 in our state; and, be it further

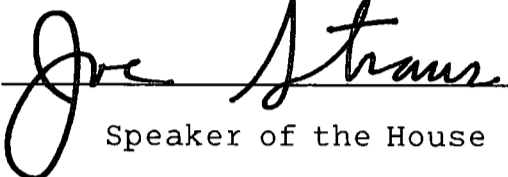
4 RESOLVED, That the Texas Legislature charge the Texas Higher
5 Education Coordinating Board to work with institutions of higher
6 education and the medical community to achieve the 1.1 to 1 goal for
7 graduate medical education; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward an
9 official copy of this resolution to all public and private
10 institutions of higher education in the state.

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President of the Senate



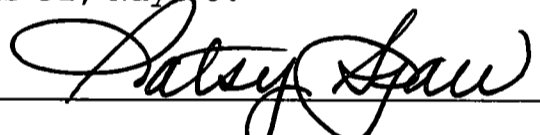
Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 102 was adopted by the House on May 4, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 134, Nays 12, 3 present, not voting.



Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 102 was adopted by the Senate on May 24, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.



Secretary of the Senate


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