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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, National Rural Health Day, which is being observed
2 on November 17, 2022, provides a welcome opportunity to raise
3 awareness about health-care issues in rural communities; and

4 WHEREAS, Established in 2011 by the National Organization of
5 State Offices of Rural Health, the initiative recognizes the
6 contributions as well as the unique needs of the approximately 57
7 million Americans who live in rural communities; and

8 WHEREAS, Rural Americans provide the country with a wide
9 range of services and commodities, and yet they face numerous
10 challenges to receiving adequate health care; factors include
11 limited accessibility, higher rates of chronic conditions in aging
12 populations, and larger percentages of uninsured and underinsured
13 residents; in addition, there is a shortage of medical providers
14 available to serve those living in small towns and farming
15 communities; moreover, many rural residents receive most of their
16 medical care at rural hospitals, which have been negatively
17 impacted by declining reimbursement rates and disproportionate
18 funding; and

19 WHEREAS, National Rural Health Day celebrates the "can-do"
20 spirit that prevails in our rural communities while also calling
21 attention to the fact that there is much work to be done in ensuring
22 that rural Americans obtain the care they need; now, therefore, be
23 it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas

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1 Legislature hereby commemorate National Rural Health Day on
2 November 17, 2022, and recognize the important work of rural
3 hospitals and rural medical providers.