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## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Members of the Texas Academy of Physician Assistants
 are gathering in Austin for Texas Physician Assistant Day at the
 State Capitol on February 21, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1975, the Texas Academy of Physician Assistants represents more than 2,500 physician assistants and students throughout the state; the organization aims to improve the health of all Texans by supporting PAs through professional development, education, representation, and legislative advocacy; and

WHEREAS, Physician assistants are highly educated and 10 qualified medical professionals who are licensed to diagnose 11 12 illness, develop and manage treatment plans, and serve as a patient's principal health care provider; employed in doctors' 13 14 offices, hospitals, and clinics, PAs are often the first point of contact for patients, and they play an important role in helping 15 16 them understand their health care needs and empowering them to be effective advocates for their own health; and 17

WHEREAS, Because of their advanced education in medicine, PAs are valuable assets to the medical teams on which they serve, and they are instrumental in enhancing the availability of high-quality health care, particularly in rural and other medically underserved areas; and

23 WHEREAS, Through their vital work on the front lines of 24 patient care, physician assistants contribute to the well-being and

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1 quality of life of countless Texans, and they are deserving of their 2 fellow citizens' deep respect and appreciation; now, therefore, be 3 it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
Legislature hereby recognize February 21, 2023, as Texas Physician
Assistant Day at the State Capitol and commend the Texas Academy of
Physician Assistants for its efforts to advance the practice of
this important profession in our state; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 10 prepared for the organization as an expression of high regard by the 11 Texas House of Representatives.