

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Scott Wise of McKinney recently joined the Texas
2 Statewide Preceptorship Program in its efforts to encourage medical
3 students to become family practitioners, a field that is currently
4 suffering from a critical shortage of physicians; and

5 WHEREAS, General practitioners provide a high level of
6 medical care at a low cost because they are able to diagnose and
7 treat a wide variety of conditions; these doctors are invaluable in
8 providing preventive care such as inoculations, nutritional
9 guidance, prenatal and postnatal care, and blood pressure
10 screenings, thus averting health care crises that could be
11 extremely costly to treat; and

12 WHEREAS, Unfortunately, many medical students are choosing
13 to enter more specialized fields of medicine, leaving fewer family
14 physicians to care for the burgeoning populations in low-income
15 urban and rural areas of the state and forcing countless Texans to
16 do without even the most basic health care services; and

17 WHEREAS, Tyler Scoresby, a medical student at The University
18 of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, spent valuable time
19 working in Dr. Wise's office, and his experience in that
20 environment will better prepare him for a career in family
21 practice; Mr. Scoresby is one of 4,260 clinical and 3,209
22 preclinical medical students to participate in this program since
23 its founding in 1980; and

24 WHEREAS, Texas is home to many of the finest hospitals,

1 research centers, and medical schools in the world, but a vital,
2 continuing health care need is for general practitioners to serve
3 in the numerous areas that are without medical care; Dr. Wise and
4 the other doctors participating in this fine program recognize that
5 by appealing to the many bright, young minds currently in medical
6 school to fill this need, we can avert a more serious crisis and
7 raise the standard of health care across the state; now, therefore,
8 be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
10 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby commend Dr. Scott Wise for
11 his outstanding work with the Texas Statewide Preceptorship Program
12 and for his dedication to providing quality health care to all
13 Texans; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for Dr. Wise as an expression of high regard by the Texas
16 House of Representatives.

Paxton

H.R. No. 117

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 117 was adopted by the House on July 28, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House