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H.R. No. 117

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.