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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, October 6, 2003, is National Physician Assistant
2 Day, and The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center in
3 Houston will honor these dedicated men and women with an awards
4 ceremony and special dinner; and

5 WHEREAS, The theme of Physician Assistant (PA) Day, "Partners
6 in Medicine," illustrates the team concept underlying this noted
7 occupation, in which licensed professional PAs practice medicine as
8 delegated by a supervising doctor; physician assistants take
9 medical histories, perform physical examinations, order and
10 interpret lab results, diagnose and treat illnesses, suture
11 lacerations, assist in surgery, and write prescriptions in nearly
12 every state; and

13 WHEREAS, Able to work in a variety of settings, PAs are
14 employed by private practices, health maintenance organizations,
15 group practices, nursing homes, and hospitals; they also serve as
16 commissioned officers in all branches of the military, practice as
17 members of the White House medical team caring for the president and
18 vice president, and provide health care services in areas that may
19 lack physicians, such as inner cities and underserved rural areas;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, According to the American Association of Physician
22 Assistants, The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center in
23 Houston currently employs the largest number of physician
24 assistants in the United States, with nearly 100 PAs working in the

1 center; the success of this renowned facility can, in part, be
2 attributed to the laudable efforts of its dedicated physician
3 assistants; and

4 WHEREAS, Enhancing the health and well-being of fellow
5 citizens is truly a noble calling, and these committed
6 professionals are indeed deserving of our respect and admiration;
7 now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
9 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby recognize October 6, 2003,
10 as Physician Assistant Day in Texas and commend physician
11 assistants in the Lone Star State for their many contributions;
12 and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for the physician assistants of M. D. Anderson Cancer
15 Center as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of
16 Representatives.