

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 795

**WHEREAS**, The Texas Institute for Health Policy Research was established in 1964 to focus on policy research and to study and evaluate the emerging health care environments; it is a statewide, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization serving as an honest broker catalyst for improvement in the health of Texans through education in health policy options and grassroots community-based solutions; and

**WHEREAS**, The development of a shared vision of health and health care delivery for the State of Texas is important to improving the state's quality of health care; and

**WHEREAS**, The Texas Institute for Health Policy Research will establish a forum for dialogue among the leaders of Texas' health care providers, payers, and consumers for informed decision-making as part of its Shared Vision Project for Health Care; and

**WHEREAS**, There is no public model for delivery of health care services or a vision for what a model should be in Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, All stakeholders are dissatisfied, to varying degrees, with the current "system" of health care delivery; and

**WHEREAS**, To forge a new and shared vision, each stakeholder must be prepared to accommodate changes to achieve a common good; and

**WHEREAS**, The Texas Institute for Health Policy Research has recruited a unique advisory panel of stakeholders from diverse backgrounds to provide leadership in the development of Texas' first shared vision for health care; and

**WHEREAS**, The advisory panel is comprised of community leaders, health care providers, health care suppliers, and consumers and of representatives from the fields of banking and finance, insurance, public health, government, academia, and business; and

**WHEREAS**, This advisory panel represents the only statewide effort to bring all stakeholders together to provide leadership in developing innovative products and ideas to improve the state's quality of health care; and

**WHEREAS**, The Shared Vision Project for Health Care provides a nonpartisan policy development resource for advocacy organizations and policy decision-makers in Texas; the Texas Institute for Health Policy Research will maintain an honest broker role in serving as the catalyst for collaboration between and among the varied stakeholders; and

**WHEREAS**, Strong support and encouragement for the Shared Vision Project for Health Care have come from Ashley Smith, a member of the Executive Committee of the Texas Hospital Association Board, and from the Texas Health Care Council; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby congratulate and commend the leadership of the advisory panel members and the Texas Institute for Health Policy Research and welcome them in their endeavors to provide input, recommendations, innovations, ideas, and solutions

regarding problems and issues that arise in the development of health care policy in Texas, via their Shared Vision Project for Health Care; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the participants of the Shared Vision Project be encouraged to provide written and oral public testimony regarding legislative health care policy and to contribute input to appropriate state boards, state agencies, and state institutions that are establishing and implementing health care policy in the State of Texas; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the Texas Institute for Health Policy Research as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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Dewhurst, President of the Senate

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 13, 2003.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate