

By: Branch

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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Texas House of Representatives and Senate are
2 pleased to welcome the medical students and residents visiting the
3 State Capitol on this day, April 5, 2005; and

4 WHEREAS, Medical schools and teaching hospitals in Texas play
5 a vital role in furnishing the trained physicians that this state
6 needs in order to provide quality health care for all its citizens;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Texas currently has eight medical schools and four
9 regional academic health centers, facilities that offer clinical
10 training to more than 5,000 men and women; in addition, it has 468
11 accredited residency programs, which prepare physicians to
12 practice in a specific medical specialty; and

13 WHEREAS, From the standpoint of patient care, residency
14 programs contribute immeasurably to the Texas health care system;
15 residents provide medical services to countless patients, and
16 typically tag-team to provide around-the-clock coverage at
17 teaching hospitals, which generally deal with the most difficult
18 medical cases; and

19 WHEREAS, As the state grows and its population ages, there
20 will be a growing need for well-trained and compassionate
21 physicians; and

22 WHEREAS, For Texas to continue to be a strong and productive
23 state, access to quality health care must be assured, and medical
24 students and residents are a vital component of the state's future;

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1 they and all those associated with medical schools and teaching
2 hospitals are most deserving of special recognition for their
3 invaluable work; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas
5 hereby honor the medical students, medical schools, residents, and
6 teaching hospitals of Texas for their contributions to the health
7 and well-being of citizens of the Lone Star State and welcome the
8 medical personnel who have traveled to Austin for this occasion.