

By: Pena

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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas Academy of General Dentistry (AGD) plays a
2 vital role in advancing excellence in dental care through its
3 support and promotion of high-quality continuing dental education
4 (CE); and

5 WHEREAS, Established in 1961 as a constituent of the national
6 Academy of General Dentistry, the Texas AGD is the second-largest
7 dental organization in the state, with more than 2,400 members; and

8 WHEREAS, The Texas academy provides outstanding educational
9 programs to its members through its 14 local components, through
10 the Lone Star Dental Conference, which it instituted in 1991, and
11 through its cosponsorship of speakers at the annual meetings of the
12 Texas Dental Association and the Southwest Dental Conference at
13 Dallas; the organization also reviews program providers and
14 approves those that meet the "14 Standards of Quality Continuing
15 Education"; and

16 WHEREAS, Each year, in addition, the Texas AGD confers one of
17 the most prestigious awards a Texas dentist can receive,
18 designation as Texas Dentist of the Year; and

19 WHEREAS, Dentists who belong to the state academy are
20 required to meet the high standards set by the national AGD, which
21 mandates that members maintain 75 CE hours over a three-year
22 period, more than double the number of hours required by the State
23 Board of Dental Examiners for relicensure; and

24 WHEREAS, The AGD also bestows two distinctions on members who

1 meet the rigorous criteria of those ranks: Fellowship, for those
2 who have belonged to the AGD for at least three years, who have
3 completed 500 CE hours, and who have passed a rigorous examination;
4 and Mastership, for Fellows who have gone on to complete a
5 challenging course of hands-on study, totaling 600 CE hours, in 16
6 dental disciplines; and

7 WHEREAS, At the annual meeting of the national academy in
8 2004, the admirable efforts of the Texas AGD and its members were
9 recognized with the Constituent of the Year Award; Website of the
10 Year Award; Public Information Award; and Continuing Education
11 Award of Excellence, Honorable Mention; and

12 WHEREAS, For more than four decades, the Texas AGD has
13 encouraged and facilitated the continuing education of general
14 dentists in Texas and contributed immeasurably to the outstanding
15 quality of oral health care in the Lone Star State; and

16 WHEREAS, Representative Aaron Pena has justly recognized the
17 Texas AGD by authoring this resolution in its behalf during the
18 Regular Session of the 79th Texas Legislature; now, therefore, be
19 it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
21 Legislature hereby recognize the Texas Academy of General Dentistry
22 for its commitment to fostering excellence in the field of general
23 dentistry and extend to its staff and its members sincere best
24 wishes for continued success in all their endeavors; and, be it
25 further

26 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
27 prepared for the Texas Academy of General Dentistry as an

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1 expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.