

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 801**

**WHEREAS**, The Texas Society of Psychiatric Physicians has been the professional organization in Texas representing psychiatry since 1956 and will celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, The Texas Society of Psychiatric Physicians is recognized for its role in defining quality psychiatric care for patients in Texas in all practice settings, including both the private and public sectors; and

**WHEREAS**, The organization is noted for encouraging and supporting the active involvement of patient and mental health advocacy organizations in the public policy arena; it has taken a leadership role in educating policymakers and the general public about mental illnesses and psychiatric treatments; and

**WHEREAS**, The society is recognized for its leadership role in providing quality continuing medical education for its members and for other physicians in Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, It has consistently advocated for the interests of patients and the eradication of discrimination and stigma against persons with psychiatric illnesses; and

**WHEREAS**, The Texas Society of Psychiatric Physicians has had a long and effective participation in the legislative process and has been proactive in advancing quality medical and psychiatric care for the citizens of Texas based on the latest advances in science; and

**WHEREAS**, It helped in the establishment of the Legislative Mental Health Awareness Group, a group of legislators with an interest in better understanding mental illness and its treatment; and

**WHEREAS**, The Texas Society of Psychiatric Physicians is recognized for its role in the establishment of the Federation of Texas Psychiatry, an umbrella organization that will bring together medical organizations in Texas representing some 50,000 physicians to form a united voice advocating for patients and quality psychiatric care; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby commend the Texas Society of Psychiatric Physicians for bringing together many diverse groups of physicians, patients, and mental health advocacy organizations in the service of the mental health of Texans of all walks of life; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of the Texas Society of Psychiatric Physicians as a tribute to its 50 years of service to Texas and as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 6, 2005.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate