

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 940

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 Texas Society of Psychiatric Physicians has encouraged and supported the active involvement of patient and mental health advocacy organizations in the public policy arena through the establishment and nurturing of the Mental Illness Awareness Coalition; and

WHEREAS, The Texas Society of Psychiatric Physicians has taken a leadership role in educating policymakers and the general public about mental illnesses and psychiatric treatments; and

WHEREAS, The Texas Society of Psychiatric Physicians has been since 1986 the first and only medical specialty society in Texas accredited for continuing medical education by the Texas Medical Association; and

WHEREAS, The Texas Society of Psychiatric Physicians is recognized for its leadership role in providing quality continuing medical education for its members and other physicians in Texas; and

WHEREAS, The Texas Society of Psychiatric Physicians 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 been proactive in advancing quality medical and psychiatric care for the citizens of Texas based on the latest advances in science; and

WHEREAS, The Texas Society of Psychiatric Physicians 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 encouraging 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

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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' 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 18, 2005.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate