

By: Dukes

H.C.R. No. 3

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Together Rx Access card program has made it
2 possible for numerous Texans with no prescription drug coverage to
3 obtain medicine at a savings of 25 to 40 percent; and

4 WHEREAS, Launched in January 2005 by 10 pharmaceutical
5 companies, Together Rx Access was created to help low-income,
6 uninsured individuals and families gain access to prescription
7 medications and products at a significantly reduced rate; this
8 free, easy-to-use program is sponsored by Novartis,
9 GlaxoSmithKline, Abbott Laboratories, AstraZeneca, Bristol-Myers
10 Squibb Company, Johnson & Johnson, Pfizer, sanofi aventis, Takeda,
11 McNeil, LifeScan, PriCara, Ortho Biotech, Ortho-McNeil,
12 Ortho-McNeil Neurologics, OrthoNeutrogena, Ortho Women's Health &
13 Urology, Vistakon, Janssen, and TAP Pharmaceutical Products, Inc.;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, More than five million Texans, or 23 percent of the
16 state's population, do not have health insurance, including 21
17 percent of the state's children; unless they have the resources to
18 pay for staggeringly expensive treatments themselves, uninsured
19 individuals have limited access to proper health care; and

20 WHEREAS, Together Rx Access is helping to address the health
21 care needs of the state's most vulnerable population, and this
22 innovative program is indeed worthy of special praise; now,
23 therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the 80th Legislature of the State of Texas

1 hereby commend the Together Rx Access card program and
2 participating pharmaceutical companies for their efforts to help
3 uninsured Texans get prescription medication at reduced rates; and,
4 be it further

5 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
6 prepared for Together Rx Access as an expression of high regard by
7 the Texas House of Representatives and Senate.