

1-1 By: West S.R. No. 777  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed April 25, 2007; April 26, 2007, read  
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Health and Human Services;  
1-4 May 11, 2007, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7,  
1-5 Nays 0; May 11, 2007, sent to printer.)

1-6 SENATE RESOLUTION

1-7 WHEREAS, Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, also known  
1-8 as chronic bronchitis and emphysema, is the fourth-leading cause of  
1-9 death in the United States and the only one of the top five causes  
1-10 whose prevalence and death rate are rising; and

1-11 WHEREAS, Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease is a  
1-12 progressive disease that potentially impacts more than 24 million  
1-13 Americans; and

1-14 WHEREAS, The annual cost to the nation for chronic  
1-15 obstructive pulmonary disease in 2004 was estimated to be  
1-16 approximately \$37 billion; and

1-17 WHEREAS, Early diagnosis and management of chronic  
1-18 obstructive pulmonary disease can effectively reduce the overall  
1-19 financial burden of the illness on public programs such as  
1-20 Medicaid; and

1-21 WHEREAS, Proper management of chronic obstructive pulmonary  
1-22 disease can lead to improved quality of life and self-sufficiency  
1-23 on the part of patients cared for within public programs; now,  
1-24 therefore, be it

1-25 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th  
1-26 Legislature, hereby encourage the Texas Health and Human Services  
1-27 Commission to consider partnering with private entities to provide  
1-28 education on chronic obstructive pulmonary disease to Medicaid  
1-29 providers and recipients in an effort to reduce the financial and  
1-30 clinical burden of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease upon the  
1-31 Medicaid program and the citizens of Texas.

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