

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 330

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the members of the Texas Medical Association and the Texas Medical Association Alliance and the medical students and residents who have come to Austin to take part in the First Tuesdays at the Capitol program; and

**WHEREAS**, Texas Medical Association physicians and Alliance members, students, and residents travel to Austin from across the state on the first Tuesday of each month during legislative sessions to visit their legislators and discuss issues that relate to the practice of medicine and the health of Texas citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, Participants in the First Tuesdays initiative make up a highly visible contingent when they visit the Capitol, their white coats signalling their professional dedication to health care and the improvement of medical policy and services; and

**WHEREAS**, The 81st Legislature is the fourth session for the First Tuesdays at the Capitol program, which takes place this year on February 3, March 3, April 7, and May 5; and

**WHEREAS**, In 2009, First Tuesdays at the Capitol participants are discussing issues that include health insurance and medical liability reform, improved funding for Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program and a reduction in the burden of administering those programs, increasing patient safety, keeping newly graduated physicians in Texas, and finding positive solutions to the problems of obesity and insufficient immunizations; and

**WHEREAS**, The visits occasioned by First Tuesdays at the Capitol present an excellent opportunity for the Senate to recognize the outstanding contributions made by physicians and health care representatives who work to improve health care for all Texans; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby welcome the participants in the First Tuesdays at the Capitol program and extend to them best wishes for a productive visit; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for them as an expression of highest regard 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 March 3, 2009.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate