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H.R. No. 1059

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, For 20 years, nurse practitioner Tim Flynn has
2 helped to ensure that the health of numerous officials and
3 employees in the legislative community remains capital; and

4 WHEREAS, Tim Flynn averages more than 4,000 visits per year
5 from people who work in the Capitol Complex, and many would liken
6 his role to that of a small-town doctor; during the biennial
7 legislative session, when the influx of patients is at its peak, he
8 is joined by the physician of the day, but he otherwise oversees the
9 Capitol clinic single-handedly; as an advanced practice nurse, he
10 is certified to diagnose and treat a wide range of ailments, and his
11 expertise often spares patients the time and expense of a trip to
12 the doctor; and

13 WHEREAS, A former emergency medical technician, Mr. Flynn
14 earned a bachelor's degree in nursing from The University of Texas
15 at Austin before going to work for the Texas Department of Human
16 Services; his job handling Medicaid appeals left him longing to
17 interact with patients, so he took an opportunity to fill in as the
18 Capitol nurse during a special session in 1992; at the time, the
19 Department of Public Safety provided a nurse only during
20 legislative sessions, but lawmakers soon saw the need for a
21 continuous year-round health care provider; and

22 WHEREAS, Although Mr. Flynn enjoyed the job, he grew
23 frustrated with his inability to write prescriptions; in 1999, with
24 the encouragement of then house speaker Pete Laney, he applied to

1 the master's program at his alma mater, using such unchallengeable
2 references as Mr. Laney and Governor George W. Bush; he completed
3 his master's degree in 2002, graduating with a perfect 4.0 grade
4 point average, and became certified as a nurse practitioner; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Flynn approaches his work with obvious
6 enthusiasm and dedication; he shares a strong rapport with those
7 who seek his care, and he has earned their gratitude and admiration
8 for his skill and compassion; also respected by his peers in the
9 field of nursing, he was honored with the 1994 Community Health
10 Nurse of the Year award by the Texas Nurses Association, District 5,
11 as well as with the 2007 Austin Advanced Practice Nurses Alliance
12 Award of Excellence; and

13 WHEREAS, While membership and staff have changed and the
14 winds of politics have blown this way and that, Tim Flynn has
15 remained a real lifesaver, both literally and figuratively, and it
16 is with great pleasure that we join him in celebrating his 20th
17 anniversary at the Capitol; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
19 Legislature hereby honor Tim Flynn for his outstanding tenure as
20 Capitol nurse practitioner and extend to him sincere best wishes
21 for many more years of success and happiness; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
23 prepared for Mr. Flynn as an expression of high regard by the Texas
24 House of Representatives.