

By: Price

H.R. No. 3006

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Staff members from the Department of Aging and
2 Disability Services provided vital assistance to the 83rd Texas
3 Legislature in its consideration of House Bills 2673, 2683, and
4 3196 as well as on appropriations measures concerning the
5 department; and

6 WHEREAS, Throughout the legislative process, the DADS staff
7 were always available, able, and willing to supply detailed and
8 pertinent information, particularly with respect to the agency's
9 operations and budget needs; and

10 WHEREAS, The dedicated personnel who provided assistance
11 with the budget include: Jon Weizenbaum, commissioner, James
12 Jenkins, chief financial officer, David Cook, director of budget
13 and data management, Chris Adams, deputy commissioner, Kristi
14 Jordan, associate commissioner, Cindy Nottingham, manager of
15 government relations, Cory Elder, government relations specialist,
16 and Allison Lowery, director of the Center for Consumer and
17 External Affairs; and

18 WHEREAS, In the consideration of H.B. 2673, relating to the
19 protection and care of individuals with intellectual and
20 developmental disabilities, assistance was provided by: Cindy
21 Nottingham, manager of government relations, Carol
22 Sanchez-Cuellar, government relations specialist, Chris Adams,
23 deputy commissioner, Joe Vesowate, assistant commissioner of state
24 supported living centers, Lynn Blackmore, director of the Center

1 for Policy and Innovation, and Lorri Haden, attorney; and

2 WHEREAS, With respect to H.B. 2683, relating to employment in
3 certain consumer-directed services and by certain facilities and to
4 the nurse aide registry and the employee misconduct registry,
5 assistance was provided by: Cindy Nottingham, manager of government
6 relations, Carol Sanchez-Cuellar, government relations specialist,
7 April Young, government relations specialist, Dana McGrath,
8 director of regulatory services, licensing, and credentialing,
9 Veronda Durden, assistant commissioner of regulatory services,
10 Elizabeth Jones, program specialist, Chris Adams, deputy
11 commissioner, Don Henderson, program specialist, Bill Buida,
12 attorney, Flora Fearon, attorney, David Latimer, program
13 specialist, and Susan Davis, director of regulatory services,
14 enforcement operations; and

15 WHEREAS, Concerning H.B. 3196, relating to licensing and
16 certification requirements for certain health facilities and to the
17 allocation of Medicaid beds in certain of those facilities and
18 increasing fees, assistance was provided by: Cindy Nottingham,
19 manager of government relations, April Young, government relations
20 specialist, Dana McGrath, director of regulatory services,
21 licensing, and credentialing, Veronda Durden, assistant
22 commissioner of regulatory services, Susan Davis, director of
23 regulatory services, enforcement operations, and Bill Buida,
24 attorney; and

25 WHEREAS, Each of these individuals demonstrated the utmost
26 professionalism and commitment to excellence, and their
27 exceptional thoroughness and diligence proved invaluable during

1 the legislature's deliberations; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
3 Legislature hereby commend the members of the Department of Aging
4 and Disability Services staff who provided vital assistance to the
5 83rd Texas Legislature and extend to them sincere best wishes for
6 the future; and, be it further

7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 prepared for the department staff as an expression of high regard by
9 the Texas House of Representatives.