

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 980

WHEREAS, The United States is facing a growing obesity epidemic that affects the health and quality of life of millions of citizens; and

WHEREAS, More than a third of all American adults are obese, and the rate of childhood obesity has nearly tripled over the past quarter-century; these alarming findings are disproportionately reflected in certain racial and ethnic minority groups, especially those from low-income households; and

WHEREAS, Obesity increases the risk of numerous medical conditions, including heart disease, stroke, high blood pressure, type 2 diabetes, certain cancers, and other chronic diseases, and approximately 300,000 deaths per year may be attributable to the condition; and

WHEREAS, The estimated annual medical cost of obesity in the United States is almost \$150 billion; in Texas alone, obesity costs businesses about \$10 billion each year, and that number is projected to triple by 2030 if we do not take action; and

WHEREAS, Many concerned citizens are involved in the fight against obesity, and through their efforts, they are helping to ensure a healthier future for all Texans; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 84th Legislature, hereby commend all those who contribute to the development of weight management programs designed to prevent and treat obesity.

Garcia

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 26, 2015.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate