**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 389**

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to join the Texas Academy of Physician Assistants and Texans across the state in celebrating March 18, 2019, as Physician Assistant Day at the Texas Capitol; and

**WHEREAS**, Physician assistants are academically and clinically prepared medical professionals who diagnose illness, develop and manage treatment plans, and frequently serve as the principal health care provider; often patients' first point of contact, physician assistants are instrumental in providing quality, cost-effective, and accessible patient-centered health care; and

**WHEREAS**, Vital members of the staff at hospitals and clinics, physician assistants play a vital role in helping patients understand their medical needs and in empowering them to become effective advocates for their own health; they are especially valuable contributors to quality health care outcomes in medically underserved and rural areas; and

**WHEREAS**, Physician assistants have earned the public's respect for their dedication to the well-being and quality of life of their patients; it is truly fitting that a day be set aside to celebrate their countless contributions to the health and vitality of our state; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 86th Legislature, hereby commend the state's physician assistants on their commitment to excellence in health care and extend to them best wishes for a productive and memorable Physician Assistant Day at the Texas Capitol; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of this special occasion.

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