**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 605**

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to join Texans across the state in recognizing our state's professional counselors and in celebrating April 2019 as National Counseling Awareness Month in Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, There are more than 12,000 professional school counselors and 25,000 licensed professional counselors in Texas, making them the largest group of mental health providers in the state; and

**WHEREAS**, School counselors deliver comprehensive school counseling programs that enable students to be successful not just in school but in life; and

**WHEREAS**, Licensed professional counselors help our constituents move through and overcome mental health challenges to live healthy and productive lives in our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, The work that professional counselors do is mostly unseen and certainly under-recognized; and

**WHEREAS**, The Texas Counseling Association, the largest branch of the American Counseling Association, works to increase access to professional counselors and promote wellness for all Texans; and

**WHEREAS**, More than 150 professional counselors are with us today in conjunction with the Texas Counseling Association's second advocacy day; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 86th Legislature, hereby commend all professional counselors across the state for their invaluable work and extend to them best wishes during National Counseling Awareness Month in Texas; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of this state's professional counselors and as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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