

RESOLUTION

**Establish a State-Supported Stem Cell Research Program Similar to that
Established by the State of California**

A RESOLUTION: Urging the 80th. Texas Legislature to Establish a State-Supported Stem Cell Research Program Similar to that Established by the State of California, which program would be designed and intended to foster leadership by the State of Texas in this critical area of Bio-Medical Research and Development, and which would include state funding for research using embryonic stem cells which would otherwise be destroyed.

WHEREAS, in pursuit of the goal of finding ways to treat numerous dread and debilitating diseases, there is no more promising area of research known today than that involving human stem cells; and, from a humanitarian point of view, as well as with a view toward insuring that the State of Texas continues to be a leader in medical research and in providing state-of-the-art medical care, it is imperative that the State of Texas take a leading role in this area of research; and

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States of America recently failed to over-ride the presidential veto of a bill which would have provided federal funding for this type of research, thus leaving it up to the individual states to insure that they themselves, as well as the United States as a whole, does not lose its leadership in this critical field; and

WHEREAS, adequate safeguards can be provided to address any legitimate and appropriate ethical concerns regarding embryonic stem cell research activities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the 11th Texas Silver-Haired Legislature encourage and strongly recommend that the 80th Texas Legislature pass legislation establishing a state-supported and stem cell research program, involving all interested and relevant parties [including, without limitation, all relevant state agencies and departments (such as universities), all relevant not-for-profit entities (such as teaching hospitals), and all interested and relevant private research laboratories, physicians and scientists], and which program would provide both for adequate state funding as well as contributions from participants, all with a view toward insuring that the State of Texas establishes and maintains a leadership position in this vital area of medical research.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 13th day of September, 2006, by
the Health and Human Resources Committee.

Glen Provost, Chair

PASSED AND APPROVED this 14th day of September, 2006, by
the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature.

Charlotte Parks, Speaker

ATTEST:

Carlos Higgins, Secretary