

**RESOLUTION**

**Require that all physicians, physician’s assistants, licensed nurses, and social workers in Texas be required to have at least three (3) hours of Continuing Education Credit in geriatric health care as part of professional development.**

A RESOLUTION TO: Require Continuing Education in Geriatrics for Physicians, Physician’s Assistants, Nurses and Social Workers.

WHEREAS: The fastest growing age group are those age 100 and older; there are over 75,000 people in the United States age 100 and older with over 400 people age 100 and older in Tarrant County alone; and

WHEREAS: There are about 77 million baby boomers (those born between 1946 and 1964), the first of whom become 60 in 2006 and 65 in 2011 whose physiology and symptoms of diseases are often different in older people than in younger people; for example, no chest pain or nausea in a 90 year old man who has a heart attack; and

WHEREAS: Some physicians and nurses may attribute mental confusion in the elderly as dementia rather than other existing medical conditions, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the 11<sup>th</sup> Texas Silver-Haired Legislature encourage and strongly recommend that the 80<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature pass legislation to require that all physicians, physician’s assistants, licensed nurses, and social workers in Texas be required to earn at least three (3) hours of Continuing Education. Credit in geriatric health care as part of their annual or biannual Continuing Education requirement to maintain a Texas license and that the state of Texas require the licensing boards for medicine, nursing and social work to monitor these geriatric education regulations.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2006, by the Education Committee.

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Bobby Southwood, Chair

PASSED AND APPROVED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2006, by the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature.

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Charlotte Parks, Speaker

ATTEST:

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Carlos Higgins, Secretary