

Committee: Education

RESOLUTION
Require Geriatric Training in all Medical Schools

A RESOLUTION to support a geriatric training for physicians and the establishment of a geriatric education and training academy.

WHEREAS, The need for well-trained, competent physicians and other health care professionals in the fields of geriatrics, gerontology, and long-term care is already at a critical point and is certain to increase dramatically in the coming years; and

WHEREAS, There are not enough geriatric physicians in Texas to provide the medical care the elderly need and deserve, geriatric training should be required in all medical schools receiving Federal or State funding; and,

WHEREAS, Because of the shortage of geriatric professionals in medicine, nursing, pharmacy and allied health schools as well as those persons in the caregiver, advocacy, and regulatory areas, there is need for a model Geriatric Education and Training Academy at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC); now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature urges the 78th Texas Legislature to enact a requirement for geriatric training in all medical schools receiving Federal and State funding, and to fund a TTUHSC Geriatric Education and Training Academy to improve services to older adults and to serve as an education model for Texas and the nation

PASSED AND APPROVED on September 17, 2002, by the Education Committee.

Valerie Knotts, Chairman

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Chris Kyker, Speaker

ATTEST:

Jean McCloud, Secretary