

1-1 By: Lozano (Senate Sponsor - Schwertner) H.C.R. No. 102  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 5, 2017;  
1-3 May 11, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on Higher  
1-4 Education; May 17, 2017, reported favorably by the following vote:  
1-5 Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 17, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	X			
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1-15 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-16 WHEREAS, The Texas population is growing rapidly, and the  
1-17 number of health care providers is not keeping pace; and

1-18 WHEREAS, Almost 70 percent of Texas counties were wholly or  
1-19 partially designated as primary care Health Professional Shortage  
1-20 Areas in 2015; and

1-21 WHEREAS, The Texas Legislature and governor approved \$53  
1-22 million for graduate medical education funding in the 84th  
1-23 Legislative Session to help address this shortage; and

1-24 WHEREAS, Before that investment, the Texas Higher Education  
1-25 Coordinating Board projected that, by 2016, more than 100 Texas  
1-26 medical school graduates would not have an opportunity to remain in  
1-27 state for their residency training due to a lack of first-year  
1-28 residency positions; and

1-29 WHEREAS, In 2015, Texas medical schools awarded 1,692 doctor  
1-30 of medicine and doctor of osteopathic medicine degrees, and the  
1-31 state opened two new medical schools in 2016, and an additional four  
1-32 medical schools may be created in the near future; and

1-33 WHEREAS, This new growth in the number of medical school  
1-34 graduates will all but nullify or outstrip the legislature's recent  
1-35 efforts to expand graduate medical education and further hinder  
1-36 Texas' efforts to achieve the goal of 1.1 residency positions for  
1-37 each medical school graduate; now, therefore, be it

1-38 RESOLVED, That the 85th Legislature of the State of Texas  
1-39 hereby express its support for prioritizing a substantial increase  
1-40 in funding for graduate medical education before it considers  
1-41 authorizing the creation and support of additional medical schools  
1-42 in our state; and, be it further

1-43 RESOLVED, That the Texas Legislature charge the Texas Higher  
1-44 Education Coordinating Board to work with institutions of higher  
1-45 education and the medical community to achieve the 1.1 to 1 goal for  
1-46 graduate medical education; and, be it further

1-47 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward an  
1-48 official copy of this resolution to all public and private  
1-49 institutions of higher education in the state.

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