

Senate Joint Resolution No. 17—Committee on
Legislative Operations and Elections

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION—Urging Congress to enact the
Resident Physician Shortage Reduction Act of 2007.

WHEREAS, The Resident Physician Shortage Reduction Act of 2007 was recently introduced in Congress as a tool to help states whose physician to population ratios are below that of the national median; and

WHEREAS, The intent of this legislation is to increase the number of residency positions for which Medicare payments will be made to teaching hospitals in states with a shortage of resident physicians; and

WHEREAS, Increasing the number of resident physicians in states is an important step towards ensuring an adequate supply of physicians in the health care system; and

WHEREAS, As a result of this legislation, teaching hospitals in approximately 24 states would be eligible for an increase in their resident cap, including Nevada which currently has 199 physicians in training and is estimated to be eligible for an additional 93 positions; and

WHEREAS, As one of the fastest growing states in the nation, and with a ranking of 43rd in the nation in physicians per 100,000 residents, it is critical to the residents of Nevada that the shortage of physicians be remedied; and

WHEREAS, It is the belief of the Nevada Legislature that the Resident Physician Shortage Reduction Act is an important first step that will help meet Nevada's and the nation's need for future physician services; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, JOINTLY, That the members of the Nevada Legislature hereby express their support for passage of the Resident Physician Shortage Reduction Act of 2007; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Nevada Legislature will continue to do all things possible to make Nevada a desirable location for the physicians who choose to practice here; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Vice President of the United States as the presiding officer of the United States Senate, the Secretary of Health and Human Services and each member of the Nevada Congressional Delegation; and be it further



RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage.

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