

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 525

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A RESOLUTION to express support for U.S. Senator Lamar Alexander's efforts to renew the Teaching Health Center Graduate Medical Education Program and the National Health Service Corps.

WHEREAS, health and health care are important to every American and are essential to the development of a strong, active, sustainable quality of life; and

WHEREAS, healthcare professionals play an increasingly critical role in our healthcare infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Lamar Alexander is a United States Senator from Maryville, Tennessee, and serves as Chairman of the United States Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee; and

WHEREAS, prior to serving in the United States Senate, Mr. Chairman Alexander served as the United States Secretary of Education, President of The University of Tennessee, and Governor of Tennessee for two terms; and

WHEREAS, Senator Alexander is acutely aware of the healthcare issues, challenges, and opportunities facing the United States; and

WHEREAS, Senator Alexander supports increasing access to health care through the renewal of two federally funded healthcare workforce programs that provide graduate medical education, the Teaching Health Center Graduate Medical Education Program and the National Health Service Corps, which are now before Congress; and

WHEREAS, these healthcare workforce programs will help meet the challenge of America's looming physician workforce shortage by increasing the number of trained professionals equipped to serve, especially in rural and underserved areas; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby go on record in support of U.S. Senator Lamar Alexander's valiant efforts to renew the Teaching Health Center Graduate Medical Education Program and the National Health Service Corps.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be prepared and transmitted to the Tennessee congressional delegation.