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# Senator Joan Huffman

## Senate District 17

### **Legislature Approves the Establishment of the Dementia Prevention and Research Institute of Texas**

Austin, TX – Today, Senator Joan Huffman, R-Houston, announced that Senate Bill 5 and Senate Joint Resolution 3 received final legislative approval, which together create the Dementia Prevention and Research Institute of Texas (DPRIT). The establishment of DPRIT will position Texas as a national leader in the fight against dementia, Alzheimer's, and related disorders, accelerating groundbreaking research and improving the lives of millions of Texans.

Senator Huffman, who authored the bills, issued the following statement:

"I am delighted to see Senate Bill 5 and Senate Joint Resolution 3 pass the Legislature and to see Senate Bill 5 head to the Governor's desk for signature. This is a major step forward for Texas, and I am proud to champion this transformative initiative. By establishing the Dementia Prevention and Research Institute of Texas, we are positioning our state to lead the charge against one of the most devastating health challenges of our time. With \$3 billion in funding over the next decade, we will drive critical research, develop new strategies for prevention and treatment, and support our healthcare community. Now, it's up to voters to ensure this initiative moves forward."

If approved by voters in November, DPRIT will receive \$3 billion over the next decade to fund cutting-edge research, expand Texas' medical capabilities, and foster collaboration between universities, medical institutions, and other partners. The initiative is also expected to create jobs, drive medical breakthroughs, and deliver significant economic benefits to the state.

*(Senator Joan Huffman represents District 17, which is comprised of Colorado, Jackson, Matagorda, and Wharton County and portions of Brazoria, Ft. Bend, Harris, and Waller County. Huffman currently serves as Chair of the Senate Committee on Finance and as a senior member of the Senate Committee on Criminal Justice and the Legislative Budget Board.)*