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**Legislator Participated in Local Home Health Care Visit in
Recognition of Texas Home Care & Hospice Month**

San Antonio, TX—November 18, 2011— Yesterday, State Representative Jose Menendez accompanied a Reliant Home Health nurse on a patient visit in San Antonio as part of Texas Home Care & Hospice Month.

Each November, the National Association for Home Care & Hospice (NAHC) celebrates National Home Care Month, National Hospice Month, and Home Care Aide Week to honor care giving heroes who make a remarkable difference in the lives of patients and the families they serve.

Millions of Texans benefit from critical home care and hospice services provided to our state's Medicare, Medicaid and private-pay patients by more than 200,000 Texas home care and hospice employees including nurses, therapists, home health aides and others throughout our State.

State Representative Menendez visited with 74-year-old Ruth Mahl who receives home health care after suffering a heart attack in February. She is also blind in one eye and needs assistance with medication and other activities of daily living.

"I enjoyed learning about the role Reliant Home Health plays in Ms. Mahl's life," explained State Representative Menendez. "Ms. Mahl faces many challenges of daily living and home health care is an effective and practical way of making sure she stays healthy and avoids rehospitalization."

Ms. Mahl also had the opportunity to voice her concerns to Representative Menendez about other issues including the lack of transportation services in San Antonio that cater to seniors. Reliant Home Health invited State Representative Menendez to participate in the home visit as part of its Home Care & Hospice Month

2011 celebration with the Texas theme, "The Magic of Home Care & Hospice". Home Care & Hospice Month pays tribute to the dedicated professionals who provide high-quality home care and hospice and seeks to educate elected officials and the general public about the growing demand for these services throughout Texas and the United States.

"We were honored to have Representative Menendez accompany our home health care nurse during this important patient visit," explained Russ Krengel, President of Reliant Home Health. "It's another example of Representative Menendez's commitment to our state and to learning about our current healthcare environment and how it affects Texans."

"Home Health" services meet the patient's needs for skilled and supportive care and include nursing, physical, occupational, and speech-language pathologies, medical social work, home health aide and nutritional counseling.

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