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H.R. No. 1688

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Dr. Sylvia Trent-Adams was named the seventh  
2 president of the University of North Texas Health Science Center at  
3 Fort Worth on September 12, 2022, and with that appointment, she  
4 became the first Black woman to lead a health science center in the  
5 State of Texas; and

6           WHEREAS, A trailblazer throughout her career,  
7 Dr. Trent-Adams began her work in public health when she joined the  
8 United States Public Health Service Commissioned Corps in 1992; she  
9 went on to become the first Black woman to serve the organization as  
10 deputy surgeon general, and she later retired at the rank of rear  
11 admiral upper half in 2020; and

12           WHEREAS, As the U.S. deputy surgeon general from 2015 to  
13 2018, she was a trusted advisor to the surgeon general on a variety  
14 of critical issues, including federal efforts to combat the opioid  
15 crisis; and

16           WHEREAS, Dr. Trent-Adams received her bachelor's degree in  
17 nursing from Hampton University and both her master's degree in  
18 nursing and health policy and her doctorate in public policy from  
19 the University of Maryland; through her outstanding work as a  
20 nurse-researcher, she earned the Florence Nightingale Medal from  
21 the International Committee of the Red Cross, the highest  
22 international honor bestowed upon a nursing professional; and

23           WHEREAS, Dr. Sylvia Trent-Adams has demonstrated a  
24 longstanding commitment to research, education, patient care, and

1 public service, and she may indeed reflect with pride on all that  
2 she has achieved as she takes on the challenges of her new role;  
3 now, therefore, be it

4         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
5 Legislature hereby commend Dr. Sylvia Trent-Adams on her  
6 appointment as president of the University of North Texas Health  
7 Science Center at Fort Worth and extend to her sincere best wishes  
8 for a successful and productive tenure; and, be it further

9         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
10 prepared for Dr. Trent-Adams as an expression of high regard by the  
11 Texas House of Representatives.