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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Francis H. Wright Jr. of San Antonio concluded
2 his noteworthy tenure as chair of the Chronic Kidney Disease Task
3 Force in December 2024; and

4 WHEREAS, Appointed to the task force by the governor in 2019,
5 Dr. Wright was named chair two years later; the team of experts
6 coordinates the implementation of the state's plan for the
7 prevention, early screening, diagnosis, and management of chronic
8 kidney disease, and it educates health care professionals as well;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Now retired, Dr. Wright worked tirelessly in behalf
11 of chronic kidney disease patients during more than four decades as
12 both a surgeon and advocate; he performed over 3,000 transplants,
13 and as medical director of Transplant Care Consultants, he
14 addressed such issues pertaining to care as quality, outcomes, and
15 access; prior to that role, he served as founding director of organ
16 transplantation as well as director of the Solid Organ Transplant
17 Program and of the Transplant Surgery Fellowship Program at the
18 Texas Transplant Institute on the campus of Methodist Specialty and
19 Transplant Hospital in San Antonio; in addition, he established and
20 directed the transplant program at Centennial Medical Center in
21 Nashville, Tennessee; and

22 WHEREAS, Dedicated to improving health care, Dr. Wright
23 helped to develop national transplant policy as a member of several
24 committees of the United Network for Organ Sharing, and he served as

1 president of both the South-Eastern Organ Procurement Foundation
2 and the American Foundation for Donation and Transplantation; he
3 further gave of his time and knowledge to boards and committees of
4 the State of Texas Kidney Foundation and the U.S. Renal Network 14;
5 his professional affiliations have included the American Society of
6 Transplant Surgeons and the International Transplantation Society,
7 among others; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Wright's research regarding organ transplant
9 topics appeared in numerous publications; a fellow of the American
10 College of Surgeons, he received his medical degree from The
11 University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio and
12 completed an organ transplant fellowship at the University of Iowa
13 Hospitals in 1988 as a member of its surgery faculty; and

14 WHEREAS, Through his leadership and vision, Francis Wright
15 greatly advanced the important mission of the CKD Task Force, and
16 his contributions are indeed deserving of special recognition; now,
17 therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
19 Legislature hereby honor Dr. Francis H. Wright Jr. for his service
20 as chair of the Chronic Kidney Disease Task Force and extend to him
21 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
23 prepared for Dr. Wright as an expression of high regard by the Texas
24 House of Representatives.