

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. John M. Richardson has received the Golden Deeds
2 Award from the Exchange Club of Fort Worth in recognition of his
3 many accomplishments for children's causes; and

4 WHEREAS, Born and raised in Fort Worth, Dr. Richardson has
5 ministered to the children of his hometown for decades; for nearly
6 three decades, he was the attending physician of Edna Gladney Home
7 for Adoption where he aided in more than 9,000 adoptions; now, at
8 the age of 73, this dedicated pediatrician continues to tend to the
9 youngest members of his community; and

10 WHEREAS, In addition to his medical practice, Dr. Richardson
11 worked closely with organizations that focus on the needs of
12 children; he is the founder of the WARM Place, a grief counseling
13 center specifically for children, and he helped in the inception of
14 the Key School, a facility for children and adults with
15 disabilities; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Richardson was also the major force behind the
17 creation of the Baby Moses Project, a visionary effort directed
18 towards enacting legislation throughout the country that allows
19 parents to leave newborns in safe locations such as hospitals,
20 police stations, and firehouses without fear of arrest for
21 abandonment; his support and advocacy helped to rally Texas
22 lawmakers to pass the first Baby Moses law in the country in 1999,
23 and, since that time, more than 40 other states have followed in
24 writing similar laws; to date, this law has saved the lives of 18

1 newborns in the State of Texas alone; and

2 WHEREAS, This luminary of the Fort Worth medical community
3 has been awarded numerous honors, including the Brotherhood Award
4 of Christians and Jews, the Gladney Leadership Hall of Fame, the
5 Tarrant County Medical Society Humanitarian Award, the Texas Health
6 Resources Community Service by a Physician Award, and the
7 Congressional Angels in Adoption Award; and

8 WHEREAS, Fittingly described by one of his admirers as "a man
9 of action and passion," Dr. Richardson has been driven throughout
10 his life to champion the welfare of children, and he is indeed
11 deserving of our highest praise; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
13 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby congratulate Dr. John M.
14 Richardson on receiving the Golden Deeds Award and commend him for
15 his dedicated care and compassion for generations of children; and,
16 be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for Dr. Richardson as an expression of high regard by the
19 Texas House of Representatives.

Morrison

H.R. No. 327

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 327 was adopted by the House on May 17, 2004, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House