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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Byron James Bailey has dedicated his career to
2 improving lives and easing suffering and, through his efforts, has
3 made significant contributions to the field of medicine; and

4 WHEREAS, After attending the University of Oklahoma at Norman
5 for pre-med studies, Dr. Bailey earned his medical degree from the
6 University of Oklahoma School of Medicine in 1959; he went on to
7 receive training in head and neck surgery-otolaryngology (ENT) at
8 the University of California at Los Angeles, where he remained on
9 the faculty and established a new, affiliated residency training
10 program at Los Angeles General Hospital; and

11 WHEREAS, In 1968, Dr. Bailey arrived at the University of
12 Texas Medical Branch (UTMB) to serve as the Wiess Professor and
13 chairman of the department of otolaryngology; as a man with an
14 extraordinary ability to conquer many challenges at once, Dr.
15 Bailey maintained his role as educator while serving as Galveston's
16 only practicing ENT specialist, and established a research program
17 in his specialty at UTMB with the help of a grant from the National
18 Institute of Health; and

19 WHEREAS, Dr. Bailey has been a prolific scientific writer and
20 editor during his tenure at UTMB, publishing more than 200
21 scientific articles and chapters as well as six textbooks; his
22 work, *Head and Neck Surgery--Otolaryngology*, has become a standard
23 for physicians in training and in practice in the United States and
24 abroad; he has served as editor-in-chief of the two major journals

1 in the specialty, the American Medical Association's *Archives of*
2 *Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery*, and *The Laryngoscope*, as well
3 as the *Year Book of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery*; and

4 WHEREAS, In addition to writing, the multifaceted Dr. Bailey
5 also is a popular speaker, with engagements at more than 300 state
6 and national scientific conferences over the course of his career;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Along with his many other responsibilities, Dr.
9 Bailey finds time to serve on numerous state and national medical
10 boards; the Texas Otolaryngological Association, the American
11 Board of Otolaryngology and the National Association of Physicians
12 for the Environment are only a few of the organizations for which he
13 has been elected president; and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Bailey has worked to turn dreams of medical
15 advances into realities by joining with a group of leaders from his
16 field in hopes of establishing a new National Institute of Health
17 (NIH) facility dedicated to supporting research in deafness and
18 other communicative disorders; after a decade of testimony before
19 the U.S. Congress, the National Institute on Deafness and Other
20 Communication Disorders was established and Dr. Bailey was
21 appointed to serve on the NIH task force for a strategic research
22 plan for the institute and later to the advisory board; and

23 WHEREAS, Over the course of his career, this estimable
24 gentleman has garnered numerous awards, including the Harvey
25 Washington Wiley Medal for his services as chair of the Food and
26 Drug Administration Panel on New Devices, the De Roaldes Award of
27 the American Laryngological Association for pioneering work in

1 tracheal reconstruction, and the Gold Medal of the American
2 Laryngological, Rhinological, and Otological Society for lifetime
3 achievements, humanitarianism, and leadership; and

4 WHEREAS, This devoted family man has been married to his
5 lovely wife Margi for 45 years, and she has supported him in every
6 endeavor; the two have enjoyed serving their community together,
7 and once organized a movement to develop an emergency medical
8 service for the area, which resulted in the establishment of the
9 Galveston EMS; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. and Mrs. Bailey married while he was in medical
11 school and enjoy reading, traveling, bridge, good conversation, and
12 interesting people; they have raised five children: Mike, Debbie,
13 James, Jenny, and John, and have seen their family grow to include
14 their sons- and daughter-in-law: Bruce, Scott, and Shiva, and five
15 grandchildren: Austin, Madison, Conner, Jai, and Cody Jack; and

16 WHEREAS, A credit to the field of otolaryngology, Dr.
17 Bailey's outstanding achievements and expertise in his discipline
18 have won him the admiration and esteem of all who have been
19 privileged to know him; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas
21 hereby commend Byron James Bailey on his myriad accomplishments and
22 wish him success in all future pursuits; and, be it further

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