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H.R. No. 35

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, George Denton Farr, Sr., longtime president and
2 chief executive officer of Children's Medical Center of Dallas,
3 assumed the position of president of the CMCD Foundation in 2002,
4 and the occasion provides a fitting opportunity to recognize a
5 notable Texas leader; and

6 WHEREAS, After joining Children's in 1977 as chief operating
7 officer and executive vice president, Mr. Farr was made president
8 and chief executive officer in July 1985; during his outstanding
9 25-year tenure, he has played an instrumental role in establishing
10 Children's Medical Center as one of the country's leading pediatric
11 institutions; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Farr graduated with a bachelor of science degree
13 in business administration from Mississippi State University in
14 1963 and earned his master of science degree in hospital
15 administration from the University of Alabama in 1968; and

16 WHEREAS, In addition to his career at Children's, Mr. Farr
17 has served in teaching positions at The University of Texas
18 Southwestern Medical Center, the University of Alabama at
19 Birmingham, and Washington University School of Medicine; and

20 WHEREAS, This esteemed gentleman has given generously of his
21 time to his community, serving on many boards and assisting
22 organizations whose primary aim is the betterment of children's
23 lives, including the Ronald McDonald House of Dallas and the
24 Children's Miracle Network; and

1 WHEREAS, An active participant in a number of professional
2 organizations, Mr. Farr is presently a member of the American
3 College of Healthcare Executives, the American Hospital
4 Association, and the Association of Texas Hospitals and Health Care
5 Organizations; he also holds the distinction of having served as
6 the first president of the Children's Hospital Association of
7 Texas; and

8 WHEREAS, In 2001, thanks in large measure to Mr. Farr's
9 skilled guidance, Children's Medical Center was named by *Child*
10 magazine as one of the 10 best pediatric hospitals in the nation;
11 Mr. Farr himself has been recognized by his community for his
12 exceptional efforts in behalf of children, receiving the Jess Hay
13 Award from The Child Care Group, a Distinguished Service Award from
14 the Child and Family Guidance Center, the Boone Powell, Sr. Award of
15 Excellence from the Dallas-Fort Worth Hospital Council, and the
16 Bill and Angela Barrett Award for Loving Kids from Meeting
17 Professionals International; and

18 WHEREAS, Active in his church and devoted to his wife and
19 children, Mr. Farr is a firm believer in the importance of faith and
20 family; he is married to Wanda and blessed with four children:
21 Ashley; Lisa, married to Patrick Neal and mother of Connor and
22 Cooper; Shanon, married to Michael Patrick and mother of MacKenzie
23 and Michael; and Denton, married to Marie and father of Will and
24 Hannah; and

25 WHEREAS, Through his exemplary efforts in the field of health
26 care and his immeasurable contributions to Children's Medical
27 Center of Dallas, Mr. Farr has truly made a positive impact on

1 countless lives, and the legacy of his hard work, commitment, and
2 creativity will continue to benefit his community for years to
3 come; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
5 Legislature commend George Denton Farr, Sr., for his exceptional
6 leadership at Children's Medical Center of Dallas and extend to him
7 sincere best wishes for continued success and happiness in his
8 position as president of the CMCD Foundation; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for Mr. Farr as an expression of high regard from the Texas
11 House of Representatives.