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H.R. No. 243

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Denton Community Hospital has been awarded  
2 distinguished certification by the Texas Department of Health in  
3 recognition of the facility's newborn hearing screening program;  
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5 WHEREAS, Developed in response to the 76th Legislature's  
6 House Bill 714, which mandated universal testing of newborns for  
7 hearing abnormalities, the hospital's newborn hearing screening  
8 program helps to identify hearing loss conditions early in  
9 children's lives, thereby preventing lifelong speech, language,  
10 and cognitive development impediments; and

11 WHEREAS, To be considered for distinguished certification,  
12 hospitals must meet specific standards: all parents of newborns  
13 must be offered a newborn hearing screen during the birth admission  
14 and given the results of the screen, 98 percent of newborns must be  
15 screened during birth admission, 95 percent of newborns must pass  
16 the screening, and all abnormal screening results must be reported  
17 to the newborn's attending physician or health care provider and to  
18 the Texas Department of Health; and

19 WHEREAS, The implementation of newborn hearing screening  
20 programs has had positive results throughout the State of Texas and  
21 has benefited children and parents alike through the early  
22 detection of hearing problems in infants; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the doctors, nurses, administrators, and  
24 other personnel at Denton Community Hospital be commended for

1 exceeding the standards established by the Texas Department of  
2 Health and that they be congratulated on being awarded  
3 distinguished certification; and, be it further

4       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
5 prepared for Denton Community Hospital as an expression of high  
6 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.