

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Three professionals from different scientific  
2 disciplines have combined their interests and expertise to form a  
3 unique clinical research laboratory in Abilene, Texas, known as the  
4 Voice Institute of West Texas, in which they are concerned with the  
5 study of the normal human voice and the evaluation, diagnosis, and  
6 treatment of the disorders of the voice; and

7           WHEREAS, This highly skilled group is comprised of Austin  
8 King, M.D., a specially trained medical doctor with a board  
9 certification in diseases of the ear, nose, and throat, as well as  
10 head and neck surgery and oncology; Charles Nelson, D.M., a  
11 nationally known bass singer and recognized specialist in voice  
12 pedagogy; and Jon Ashby, Ph.D., who enjoys a well-known clinical  
13 and professional reputation in speech-language pathology,  
14 audiology, and voice disorders; and

15           WHEREAS, Beginning in 1985 the three professionals agreed to  
16 meet on Wednesday afternoons to see patients and agreed to not  
17 receive compensation for seeing these patients to allow the  
18 proceeds to go towards the purchase of equipment and operational  
19 costs; and

20           WHEREAS, The Voice Institute of West Texas' laboratory is  
21 located on the campus of Abilene Christian University as a tool of  
22 higher education by providing observation, clinical practice,  
23 diagnostic experience, and research opportunities for students of  
24 voice and speech-language pathology; and

1           WHEREAS, Dr. King, Dr. Nelson, and Dr. Ashby have produced  
2 six interdisciplinary conferences with nationally known speakers  
3 on the care and treatment of the professional voice and have  
4 provided programs at over 25 state, national, and international  
5 medical conferences and conventions; now, therefore, be it

6           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
7 Legislature hereby commend Dr. Austin King, Dr. Charles Nelson, and  
8 Dr. Jon Ashby for the establishment of the Voice Institute of West  
9 Texas at Abilene Christian University and for their exemplary work  
10 in their individual specialties; and, be it further

11           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
12 prepared for each of these three professionals as an expression of  
13 high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 1038

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1038 was adopted by the House on May 8, 2003, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House