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H.R. No. 1038

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., enjoys a well known clinical and
13 professional reputation in speech-language pathology, audiology,
14 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, have provided
4 programs at over twenty-five 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.