

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 983

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Dr. Laurence Craig Thomas, who is being honored as Optometrist of the Day on May 30, 2003; and

WHEREAS, A native of Houston, Dr. Thomas received his doctor of optometry degree from the University of Houston in 1983 and opened practice in Dallas that same year; and

WHEREAS, For many years, Dr. Thomas has been a regular guest on KHVN 97 AM radio; appearing on a popular program, he has offered listeners his expertise on a wide range of health issues; and

WHEREAS, A well-known lecturer, Dr. Thomas has spoken on many different topics to students at Dallas County public schools, including Madison and South Oak Cliff high schools, John B. Hood Middle School, and Merrifield Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, An exemplary citizen, Dr. Thomas has served on the board of directors of an interfaith group housed at the Jubilee United Methodist Church; the group has reached out to the community by offering lectures on teen pregnancies, dating, marriage, and divorce; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Thomas received the 2001 Optometrist of the Year Award from the Texas Optometric Association; he was also recognized with the 1991 Outstanding Texan Award from the Texas Legislative Black Caucus and with the 1992 Top Cat Award from the Dallas Independent School District; and

WHEREAS, A highly respected gentleman, Dr. Thomas has distinguished himself in his profession and as a leader in the Dallas community, and he deserves recognition for his hard work and his many accomplishments; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby commend Dr. Laurence Craig Thomas for his exceptional achievements and extend to him congratulations on being honored as Optometrist of the Day; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 30, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate