

By: Morrison

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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. George A. Constant of Victoria has been honored
2 with the 2004 Mary Holdsworth Butt Award in recognition of his
3 lifelong contributions to health care in the Lone Star State; and

4 WHEREAS, This prestigious accolade has been presented
5 annually since 1990 to recognize those outstanding individuals who
6 have worked to improve local and state programs that benefit
7 individuals with mental illness or mental retardation; and

8 WHEREAS, A truly deserving recipient, Dr. Constant has served
9 this special community for more than 50 years, working in both the
10 private and public sectors as a psychiatrist, advocate, educator,
11 and mentor; and

12 WHEREAS, His distinguished career began in Victoria in 1951,
13 when he was the first board-certified psychiatrist in the area; in
14 the 1960s, he joined with other community leaders to plan what would
15 eventually become the Gulf Bend Mental Health and Mental
16 Retardation Center, which is currently celebrating its 35th
17 anniversary; and

18 WHEREAS, Dr. Constant's pioneering efforts earned him a
19 gubernatorial appointment to the first Texas MHMR board; in this
20 pivotal role, he helped to launch a statewide system of
21 community-based care for persons with mental illness or mental
22 retardation; and

23 WHEREAS, Throughout the years, this dedicated physician has
24 treated thousands of Texans using medications and

1 psychotherapeutic techniques that reflect the latest advancements
2 and discoveries in the field; fueled by his conviction to
3 counteract the stigma associated with mental illness and mental
4 retardation, he has shared his vast knowledge and research with
5 organizations on the local, state, and national levels and
6 testified before a Texas Senate committee on the legal rights of the
7 mentally retarded; he has also served as a clinical professor and
8 consultant to psychiatric residency programs across the state,
9 often volunteering his services at the Gulf Bend MHMR Center; and

10 WHEREAS, Even today, at the age of 86, Dr. Constant continues
11 to offer his services to those in need, and it is indeed a pleasure
12 to honor him for his dedication and leadership in the field of
13 mental health; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
15 Legislature hereby congratulate Dr. George A. Constant on his
16 receipt of the 2004 Mary Holdsworth Butt Award and commend him for
17 his innumerable contributions to his fellow Texans; and, be it
18 further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for Dr. Constant as an expression of high regard by the
21 Texas House of Representatives.