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H.R. No. 38

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, George B. Hernandez, Jr., has been named president  
2 and chief executive officer of University Health System in Bexar  
3 County, and this singular milestone offers an apt opportunity to  
4 commend this outstanding Texan for this most recent achievement;  
5 and

6           WHEREAS, Recognized by *U.S. News & World Report* as one of  
7 America's Best Hospitals, University Health System is the public  
8 hospital district for Bexar County; University Hospital is the  
9 primary teaching hospital for The University of Texas Health  
10 Science Center at San Antonio, and five community clinics offer a  
11 full range of medical services; and

12           WHEREAS, A native San Antonian, Mr. Hernandez received a  
13 bachelor's degree from St. Mary's University before going on to earn  
14 a law degree from George Washington University in Washington, D.C.;  
15 and

16           WHEREAS, On returning to his hometown, Mr. Hernandez served  
17 as an assistant city attorney before becoming chief of the civil  
18 section for the Bexar County district attorney's office; and

19           WHEREAS, In 1990, Mr. Hernandez joined University Health  
20 System as vice president of legal services, serving as the  
21 organization's general counsel, and in 2000, he was promoted to the  
22 positions of executive vice president and assistant administrator;  
23 in that capacity, he led several initiatives to strengthen the  
24 fiscal health of the organization and improved access to primary

1 and specialty care by building strategic partnerships with  
2 community clinics and private physicians; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Hernandez brings to his new role as chief  
4 executive a wealth of knowledge mined from his extensive experience  
5 with the organization, and his sure grasp of the complex issues  
6 facing the health care industry will benefit the many men, women,  
7 and children who have entrusted their health care to University  
8 Health System; and

9 WHEREAS, In rising to the challenges of his new position, Mr.  
10 Hernandez will continue to draw strength and support from his  
11 family, including his wife of more than three decades, Adele, and  
12 their three children, Andres, Antonio, and Elisa; and

13 WHEREAS, The first Hispanic president of the health system,  
14 George B. Hernandez, Jr., has distinguished himself as a vital and  
15 valued leader, and he is clearly most deserving of this prestigious  
16 appointment; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
18 Legislature hereby congratulate George B. Hernandez, Jr., on being  
19 named president and chief executive officer of University Health  
20 System and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success;  
21 and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
23 prepared for Mr. Hernandez as an expression of high regard by the  
24 Texas House of Representatives.