

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Gerald Whitson, director of oral and
2 maxillofacial surgery at Valley Baptist Medical Center-Harlingen,
3 has been selected as Physician of the Year for 2005 by hospital
4 employees; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Whitson was raised in Illinois and studied
6 dental surgery at Northwestern University before serving in the
7 U.S. Navy; he led a group practice in Colorado, where he first
8 nurtured his love of the outdoors and challenging recreational
9 activities; after visiting the Rio Grande Valley for four years to
10 practice medicine and to feed his love of water sports at nearby
11 Laguna Vista, he and his family decided to make Harlingen their
12 permanent residence; and

13 WHEREAS, At Valley Baptist, Dr. Whitson is an essential
14 member of the trauma team and treats diverse problems for numerous
15 patients; he was honored by hospital staff for going above and
16 beyond the call of duty and treating both his team and his patients
17 with respect and sensitivity; and

18 WHEREAS, Supported by his loving wife, Lindsay, their three
19 children, Jason, James, and Savannah, and his dedicated staff
20 members, Michele Smith, Christina Govea, and Deborah Galvan, Gerald
21 Whitson is an inspirational practitioner, and it is a privilege to
22 join the hospital staff in honoring his accomplishments; now,
23 therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas

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1 Legislature hereby congratulate Dr. Gerald Whitson on his selection
2 as Physician of the Year by the staff of Valley Baptist Medical
3 Center-Harlingen and extend to him sincere best wishes for
4 continued success and achievement; and, be it further

5 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
6 prepared for Dr. Whitson as an expression of high regard by the
7 Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1652 was adopted by the House on May 25, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House