

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 246**

**WHEREAS**, Junior Achievement of the Greater Tyler Area has justly recognized Elmer G. Ellis, president and chief executive officer of the East Texas Medical Center Regional Health Care System, by inducting him into the organization's Tyler Business Hall of Fame; and

**WHEREAS**, A national, nonprofit organization, Junior Achievement is committed to educating and encouraging young people to value free enterprise, business, and economics by conducting programs in public and private schools with area business and community leaders serving as mentors; and

**WHEREAS**, The Business Hall of Fame, the organization's loftiest honor, recognizes those who have demonstrated industry vision and the ability to inspire business and community leadership and who serve as professional and civic role models; and

**WHEREAS**, A most deserving inductee, Mr. Ellis has greatly benefited the lives of countless individuals as East Texas Medical Center president and chief executive officer, and he has earned both state and national recognition for his collaborative approach to health services, especially concerning trauma and rural health; joining the system in 1968, he assumed his current role in 1985, and under his esteemed leadership the center has grown into a regional network of 15 hospitals and other health facilities, programs, and services with more than 6,000 employees; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Ellis further serves his professional community as a fellow of the American College of Healthcare

Executives and presently officiates as regent of its East Texas division; moreover, he is a former chair of the Texas Hospital Association, a member of its board of directors, and board chair of its Texas Hospital Insurance Network; he also manages to find time to work with a number of notable civic organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, The induction of Elmer Ellis into the Tyler Business Hall of Fame is indeed a testament to a man who has set a sterling example of professionalism and leadership to which all may aspire; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby congratulate Elmer G. Ellis on his acceptance into the Tyler Business Hall of Fame of Junior Achievement of the Greater Tyler Area and commend him for his service in behalf of his community; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for Mr. Ellis as an expression of high regard 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 February 28, 2005.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate