

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 552**

**WHEREAS**, The Texas Senate is pleased to recognize noted physician and humanitarian Dr. Joseph Denton Harris IV, who has been selected for the American Heart Association's 23rd Annual J. C. Crager Award, which is being presented to him at the association's gala on April 8, 2005; and

**WHEREAS**, Named for J. C. Crager, a cardiologist and American Heart Association volunteer and president, the award is presented to a person who has made exceptional contributions to the betterment of Beaumont through his or her professional and community service; and

**WHEREAS**, A native of Dayton, Ohio, Dr. Harris earned an undergraduate degree from Rice University and a medical degree from The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School at Dallas; he completed an internship with Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas, and he was resident in general surgery and later chief resident of urology at The University of Texas Medical School at Houston; and

**WHEREAS**, He moved to Beaumont in 1980 and began a private urology practice; he also began serving as chief of surgery and chief of staff at Christus Saint Elizabeth Hospital and chief of staff at Baptist Hospital; and

**WHEREAS**, A renowned urology specialist, Dr. Harris is the author and co-author of a number of articles in such medical publications as *Urology*, *Investigative Urology*, *Journal of Urology*, and *Radiologic Clinics of North America*; he is a member

of the Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society, the American Medical Association, the American Urological Association, and the Texas Urological Society; and

**WHEREAS**, A highly respected medical professional and leading Beaumont citizen, Dr. Harris has played a major role in raising the standards of health care and improving the lives of the citizens in his community; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby commend Dr. Joseph Denton Harris IV for his exceptional achievements and extend to him congratulations on earning the American Heart Association's 23rd Annual J. C. Crager Award; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him 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 April 6, 2005.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate