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H.R. No. 1837

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Robert F. Austin of Houston is celebrating his  
2 75th birthday on May 10, 2007, and this occasion offers a fitting  
3 opportunity to honor him; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in New York on May 10, 1932, Dr. Austin spent  
5 his formative years in the Bronx, where he enjoyed playing  
6 basketball with his friends; he earned a bachelor of arts degree  
7 from Grinnell College in Iowa before serving in the U.S. Air Force  
8 for three years, after which he pursued a graduate degree in biology  
9 at Boston College; and

10 WHEREAS, In 1963, Dr. Austin received his doctorate in  
11 medicine from Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee; he  
12 did his pediatric residency at Upstate Medical Center of the State  
13 University of New York and earned a fellowship in hematology from  
14 Tufts University; and

15 WHEREAS, A noted pediatrician and children's health  
16 advocate, Dr. Austin has more than 43 years of experience in the  
17 field of pediatrics; currently serving as a consultant advisor for  
18 community development at the Cullen Child and Adolescent Health  
19 Center, Dr. Austin was the center's director of community  
20 development for a number of years and played a key role in its  
21 establishment; he has also served as an assistant clinical  
22 professor of pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine; and

23 WHEREAS, For his work as an advocate for children's health  
24 and education, Dr. Austin received an honorary doctorate in humane

1 letters from Grinnell College, where he was recently elected to the  
2 school's board of trustees; he is also a recipient of the Savvy  
3 Award, recipients of which are nominated by the Child Abuse  
4 Prevention Network, and he was honored in May 2006 with the  
5 dedication of the R. F. Austin Professional Plaza; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Austin serves on the St. Luke's Episcopal  
7 Charities Technical Assistance Committee and as chairman of the  
8 advisory committee for the Michael E. DeBakey High School for the  
9 Health Professions; in all of his endeavors, he is blessed with the  
10 love and support of his wife, Joan Perry-Austin, his children and  
11 their spouses, his grandchildren, and his large network of extended  
12 family and friends; and

13 WHEREAS, A 75th birthday is a significant milestone in the  
14 life of an individual, and the knowledge that many of his years have  
15 been spent in service to children is a testament to the character  
16 and integrity of this notable physician; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
18 Legislature hereby congratulate Dr. Robert F. Austin as he  
19 celebrates his 75th birthday on May 10, 2007, and extend to him best  
20 wishes for a joyous and memorable occasion; and, be it further

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