

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 938

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Russell K. Tolman, president and chief executive officer of Cook Children's Health Care System, for his 25 years of exceptional leadership after joining the organization on April 2, 1982; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure, Mr. Tolman has overseen the assembly of medical talent at Cook Children's Health Care System and has watched it grow from 12 pediatric specialists to more than 220; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tolman placed an emphasis on nursing excellence throughout his tenure, and with the attainment of magnet status, Cook Children's Health Care System is now in the top three percent nationally in nursing; and

WHEREAS, Other than the Administration Building and the Easter Seals Building, the entire medical center campus was built with Mr. Tolman's direction; under Mr. Tolman's leadership, the total combined revenue grew from \$25 million annually in 1982 to over \$800 million; the number of employees increased from 350 staff members to 3,800, and endowments multiplied from \$27 million to \$430 million; and

WHEREAS, Due to Mr. Tolman's stewardship, Cook Children's Health Care System is about to achieve its goal, which is to establish a national reputation for the organization of community wide pediatric health services and the delivery of patient-centered clinical care; and

WHEREAS, Russell Tolman and his wife, Lizbeth, plan on retiring in Utah and spending time with their four sons and their wives and with their beloved grandchildren; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby commend Russell Tolman on his outstanding leadership as president and chief executive officer of Cook Children's Health Care System and extend best wishes to him for the future; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of esteem 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 May 1, 2007.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate