

By: Branch

H.R. No. 1227

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas House of Representatives is pleased to
2 recognize Dr. Kern Wildenthal for his distinguished career and
3 inspiring leadership in the areas of medicine, education,
4 administration, and philanthropy; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Wildenthal served as president of The University
6 of Texas Southwestern Medical Center for 22 years before his
7 retirement in fall 2008; during his exemplary tenure, he was dean of
8 the graduate school for four years and dean of the medical school
9 for six years before becoming president in 1986; and

10 WHEREAS, His association with Southwestern began in 1960,
11 when he was admitted to the medical school at the age of 18; he
12 graduated in 1964, completed training in internal medicine and
13 cardiology, and earned a doctorate in cell physiology from the
14 University of Cambridge in 1970; and

15 WHEREAS, In his role as president, Dr. Wildenthal guided
16 Southwestern Medical Center's exceptional growth and its
17 ascendancy as one of the top medical centers in the world through
18 his visionary leadership, his effectiveness in attracting superior
19 talent to the faculty, which includes several Nobel Prize winners,
20 and his ability to communicate the needs of the center to its
21 benefactors; and

22 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan has published numerous
23 scientific papers, and he has received many awards over the years
24 for his professional and philanthropic efforts; he was elected to

1 the prestigious Texas Business Hall of Fame in 2008; and

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Wildenthal has long been active in community
3 organizations and the arts; since retiring, he has increased his
4 volunteer leadership in Dallas and continues his work with the
5 Southwestern Medical Foundation; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
7 Legislature hereby commend Dr. Kern Wildenthal on his illustrious
8 and prolific career and his longtime commitment to The University
9 of Texas Southwestern Medical Center; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for Dr. Wildenthal as an expression of highest regard by
12 the Texas House of Representatives.