

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, For more than three decades, Mercy Ships has
2 operated hospital ships that deliver free, world-class health care
3 services to those without access in over 70 developing nations; and

4 WHEREAS, This Christian-based global charity was founded in
5 1978 by Don and Deyon Stephens of Garden Valley with the mission "to
6 bring hope and healing to the forgotten poor"; today they oversee
7 the *Africa Mercy*, the world's largest nongovernmental hospital
8 ship, consisting of six operating rooms and berth capacity for some
9 484 people; and

10 WHEREAS, Representing more than 35 nations, the crew of the
11 *Africa Mercy* provides up to 7,000 surgical interventions onboard
12 every year, including cataract removal, tumor removal, cleft lip
13 and palate reconstruction, orthopaedic repair, and obstetric
14 fistula repair; and

15 WHEREAS, Volunteers also go ashore to provide dental and oral
16 health care education, immunizations, and lessons on a variety of
17 community health issues; moreover, they offer palliative home care
18 for terminally ill patients, as well as support for their families;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, Since its inception, the organization has directly
21 served more than 2.16 million people, delivered services valued at
22 more than \$748 million, and completed more than 900 construction
23 and agriculture projects, including schools, clinics, and
24 orphanages; and

1 WHEREAS, The founders, staff, and volunteers of Mercy Ships
2 have had a profound impact on the fight for global health, and their
3 tireless work in behalf of individuals in need around the world is
4 truly an inspiration; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
6 Legislature hereby honor Mercy Ships for its outstanding
7 contributions to global health and extend to all those associated
8 with this remarkable organization sincere best wishes for continued
9 success; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 1732

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1732 was adopted by the House on May 11, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House