

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Dr. Donald R. Butts has deservedly been named the  
2 Distinguished Houston Surgeon of the Year for 2009 by the Houston  
3 Surgical Society; and

4           WHEREAS, Dr. Butts has devoted his career to the practice of  
5 surgical medicine, and he has maintained an admirable record of  
6 achievement over the course of four decades; in 1970, he helped  
7 found the Colon and Rectal Clinic in Houston, and he has led that  
8 practice as president in the years since; moreover, he has gained  
9 further acclaim among his peers for his other professional  
10 endeavors, which have included service as chief of staff at Houston  
11 Northwest Medical Center and as a clinical associate at The  
12 University of Texas Medical School at Houston; and

13           WHEREAS, Born in DeKalb in 1935, Donald Butts graduated from  
14 Marlin High School in 1953 and went on to earn a bachelor's degree  
15 at North Texas State University in 1958; four years later, he  
16 graduated from The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston,  
17 and he completed his internship and residency at Memorial Hermann  
18 Hospital in Houston between 1962 and 1970, taking time out for two  
19 years of service in the U.S. Navy; moreover, Dr. Butts took part in  
20 the fellowship program at The University of Texas Health Sciences  
21 Center at Houston and had the distinction of being its first  
22 graduate; and

23           WHEREAS, Dr. Butts was the recipient of the Violet Keiller  
24 Award in 1969 and the Dr. Ed Roberson Award from Houston Northwest

1 Medical Center in 2004; a well-known figure in his profession, he is  
2 active in numerous medical organizations and has served as  
3 president of the Harris County Medical Society and as a member of  
4 the Cancer Committee and the Patient-Physician Advocate Committee  
5 of the Texas Medical Association; and

6 WHEREAS, A surgeon of great ability and extensive experience,  
7 Donald Butts has won the respect of his peers and the gratitude of  
8 his patients, and his accomplishments have contributed to the City  
9 of Houston's renown as a center for skilled medical care; now,  
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
12 Legislature hereby congratulate Dr. Donald R. Butts on his  
13 selection as the Distinguished Houston Surgeon for 2009 by the  
14 Houston Surgical Society and extend to him sincere best wishes for  
15 continued success; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
17 prepared for Dr. Butts as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
18 House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 2039

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2039 was adopted by the House on May 13, 2009, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House