

By: Pitts

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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Joel T. Allison, president and chief executive of  
2 Baylor Health Care System in Dallas, has received the 2008 Earl M.  
3 Collier Award for Distinguished Health Care Administration from the  
4 Texas Hospital Association; and

5 WHEREAS, Established in 1965, the Collier Award is the  
6 highest bestowed by the THA, one of the largest hospital  
7 associations in the country; the award acknowledges the leadership  
8 qualities exemplified by its namesake, who is regarded as the dean  
9 of hospital administration in Texas; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Allison graduated from Baylor University and  
11 went on to earn a master's degree in health care administration from  
12 Trinity University, later also completing the advanced management  
13 program at Harvard Business School; he began his career in health  
14 care as an intern at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene and within  
15 six years had risen to become executive vice president and chief  
16 operating officer; in 1981, he accepted a position in his native  
17 Missouri and began to build a reputation as an exceptionally able  
18 strategic manager in turnaround situations; and

19 WHEREAS, After heading hospitals in Amarillo and Corpus  
20 Christi, Mr. Allison joined Baylor Health Care System in 1993 as  
21 senior executive vice president and chief operating officer; seven  
22 years later, he was promoted to the top post of this growing network  
23 of hospitals, primary and specialty care centers, and  
24 rehabilitation clinics; using his experience at the cutting edge of

1 change, he has further developed Baylor's commitment to  
2 patient-focused health care and clinical enterprise; in addition to  
3 establishing a quality initiative for the system, which has more  
4 than 16,000 employees and 2,800 physicians, he has increased its  
5 emphasis on medical education and health care research; and

6 WHEREAS, The numerous accolades accorded Mr. Allison include  
7 an honorary doctorate in humanities from Dallas Baptist University;  
8 *Modern Healthcare* has named him one of the "100 Most Powerful People  
9 in Healthcare" for the past four years and recognized him in 2005  
10 with the CEO IT Achievement Award; moreover, Baylor University  
11 selected him as its Distinguished Alumnus in 2004 and he has  
12 received the Leonard A. Duce Award from the Trinity University  
13 Healthcare Alumni Association; and

14 WHEREAS, A fellow of the American College of Healthcare  
15 Executives, Mr. Allison serves on the Healthcare Leadership  
16 Council, the National Quality Forum, and the international board of  
17 United Surgical Partners; he also serves on numerous state and  
18 local boards for professional associations and civic  
19 organizations, among them VHA Texas, the Dallas Citizens Council,  
20 and the Dallas Regional Chamber; and

21 WHEREAS, Joel Allison has demonstrated remarkable vision and  
22 skill throughout more than three decades as a health care  
23 administrator, and his energy, enthusiasm, and dedication to  
24 excellence are an inspiration to all; now, therefore, be it

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
26 Legislature hereby congratulate Joel Allison on receiving the 2008  
27 Earl M. Collier Award for Distinguished Health Care Administration

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1 from the Texas Hospital Association and extend to him sincere best  
2 wishes for continued success; and, be it further

3       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
4 prepared for Mr. Allison as an expression of high regard by the  
5 Texas House of Representatives.