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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, Dr. Kamlesh Varma was recognized with a 2011 Woman  
2 of Excellence award from the YWCA of Lubbock for her achievements in  
3 the field of science and medicine; and

4           WHEREAS, An annual project that has honored 185 individuals  
5 since 1989, the YWCA Women of Excellence awards are given to women  
6 leaders whose contributions to business, industry, and area  
7 associations are crucial to the success of those organizations and  
8 the Lubbock community; the awards program is in keeping with the  
9 YWCA's goal to empower women and their families and to establish  
10 strong role models for the next generation of South Plains women;  
11 and

12           WHEREAS, Known by many as the "Mother Teresa of Lubbock," Dr.  
13 Kamlesh Varma has been caring for women for more than 36 years and  
14 has delivered more than 6,000 babies over the course of her career;  
15 she has operated a solo practice in obstetrics and gynecology for  
16 nearly two decades, focused on ensuring that all women have access  
17 to prenatal care regardless of their ability to pay, and she accepts  
18 many mothers as patients late in their pregnancies when other  
19 doctors do not; and

20           WHEREAS, Dr. Varma also serves as an administrator at the  
21 Community Health Center of Lubbock and is a clinical faculty member  
22 at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of  
23 Medicine, and she is a member of the University Medical Center board  
24 and its Caduceus Society; she has further distinguished herself as

1 a mentor to hundreds of resident physicians and nursing students;  
2 and

3 WHEREAS, This remarkable trailblazer is a native of India and  
4 left her family's farm to pursue her education at a time when women  
5 were often discouraged from doing so by cultural norms; she  
6 graduated as one of only two women from King George Medical College  
7 in India and came to Boston in 1967, working in reproductive  
8 endocrinology while juggling motherhood and adjusting to a new  
9 culture; she moved to Lubbock in 1974 and has taught obstetrics and  
10 gynecology and worked for Texas Tech University's student health  
11 services; and

12 WHEREAS, In all of her endeavors, Dr. Varma enjoys the love  
13 and support of her husband, Dr. Surendra Varma, and they are the  
14 proud parents of two children, Dr. Ritu Varma Dixon and Rishi Varma,  
15 J.D., and the grandparents of five grandchildren; and

16 WHEREAS, Inspiring others with her notable accomplishments,  
17 Dr. Kamlesh Varma stands at the forefront of those individuals who  
18 are making a positive difference in their communities, and she is  
19 indeed deserving of this prestigious honor; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the 82nd Legislature of the State of Texas  
21 hereby congratulate Dr. Kamlesh Varma on her selection as a 2011  
22 YWCA of Lubbock Woman of Excellence and extend to her sincere best  
23 wishes for continued success and happiness; and, be it further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
25 prepared for Dr. Varma as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
26 House of Representatives and Senate.