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H.R. No. 1192

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Dianna Burns-Banks was recognized as one of San
2 Antonio's Gracious Givers at the inaugural North Star Gives event
3 on March 24, 2011; and

4 WHEREAS, Sponsored by *San Antonio Magazine* and North Star
5 Mall, North Star Gives acknowledged six women who have improved the
6 quality of life in San Antonio and made donations to the charities
7 of their choice; Dr. Burns-Banks selected the Davis-Scott Family
8 YMCA as her charity; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Burns-Banks is a board-certified pediatrician
10 with more than 20 years of experience in primary care; an owner and
11 founder of South Texas Center for Pediatric Care, which operates
12 five clinics in San Antonio's most underserved communities, she
13 dedicates herself to educating her young patients and their parents
14 about healthy lifestyle choices; moreover, she is a tireless
15 advocate for accessible, high-quality physical and mental health
16 care for all Texans; and

17 WHEREAS, Born and raised in Meridian, Mississippi, Dr.
18 Burns-Banks graduated with honors from Xavier University of
19 Louisiana and completed her medical school, internship, and
20 pediatric residency at the University of Louisville; she also holds
21 a master's degree in health care administration from Trinity
22 University, which named her an Outstanding Executive Graduate
23 Student; and

24 WHEREAS, This dynamic physician worked in the emergency room

1 at Santa Rosa Children's Hospital and became its first female
2 African American chief of staff; in 1986, she joined with business
3 partner Dr. Linda Holley to found the first South Texas Center for
4 Pediatric Care clinic on San Antonio's East Side; she went on to
5 become the second female head of the Bexar County Medical Society,
6 the largest medical society in the Lone Star State and eighth
7 largest in the nation; and

8 WHEREAS, Deeply committed to her profession and her
9 community, Dr. Burns-Banks is a fellow of the American Academy of
10 Pediatrics and has served as chair of the Pediatric Advisory
11 Committee, as associate medical director of Community First Health
12 Plans, and as chair of the pediatrics departments of Baptist
13 Medical Center and Methodist Metropolitan Hospital; she has served
14 on the boards of numerous organizations, among them the NAACP,
15 Respite Care of San Antonio, Girl Scouts of America, the March of
16 Dimes, the State Advisory Board for Managed Medicaid, and the Texas
17 Military Institute; and

18 WHEREAS, The San Antonio Women's Hall of Fame inducted Dr.
19 Burns-Banks in 2006, and the *San Antonio Business Journal* named her
20 a Health Care Hero; in addition, she was chosen as Female
21 Entrepreneur of the Year by the *San Antonio Express-News* in 1991,
22 and she has received the Candace Award in Recognition of Exemplary
23 Achievement in the Field of Health from the San Antonio Chapter of
24 the National Coalition of 100 Black Women; the Kreager Law Firm,
25 which supports the Bexar County Medical Society Foundation's
26 scholarship program, established a scholarship in recognition of
27 her service as a role model for students entering the health care

1 profession; and

2 WHEREAS, Through her work as a physician and civic leader,
3 Dr. Burns-Banks has greatly benefited countless people, and her
4 devotion to improving the health of young Texans is a source of
5 great inspiration to others; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
7 Legislature hereby congratulate Dr. Dianna Burns-Banks on her
8 selection as a Gracious Giver and extend to her sincere best wishes
9 for continued success in her endeavors; and, be it further

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