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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Larry R. Kaiser concluded his tenure as
2 president of The University of Texas Health Science Center at
3 Houston on April 1, 2011, and it is indeed fitting to honor him for a
4 job well done; and

5 WHEREAS, Since becoming the fifth president of UTHealth in
6 2008, Dr. Kaiser worked tirelessly to enhance the stature of the
7 health science center and its partners in the Texas Medical Center,
8 guiding the launch of the UTHealth brand and continuing to
9 strengthen the relationship with Memorial Hermann Healthcare
10 System, the Harris County Hospital District, and other institutions
11 in the Texas Medical Center; during his tenure, UTHealth was named a
12 top workplace by the *Houston Chronicle*; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Kaiser held the Alkek-Williams Chair and served
14 as a professor of surgery and of cardiothoracic and vascular
15 surgery at the university; moreover, he demonstrated a commitment
16 to the community as a member of the boards of the Greater Houston
17 Partnership, Memorial Hermann Healthcare System, BioHouston, the
18 Houston Technology Center, the Texas Heart Institute, the John P.
19 McGovern Museum of Health & Medical Science, and the American Heart
20 Association in Houston; he chaired the 2009-2010 Houston March of
21 Dimes March for Babies Walk as well; and

22 WHEREAS, This esteemed surgeon and dynamic executive earned
23 his medical degree from Tulane University and performed his
24 internship and surgical residency at the University of California

1 at Los Angeles; completing his education in thoracic and
2 cardiovascular surgery, he served as senior resident in thoracic
3 surgery at the University of Toronto; he then joined the faculty on
4 the Thoracic Service at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center and
5 was recruited in 1988 by Washington University School of Medicine,
6 where he rose to become an associate professor; and

7 WHEREAS, Before joining UHealth, Dr. Kaiser distinguished
8 himself at the University of Pennsylvania as associate professor of
9 surgery, chief of general thoracic surgery, founder and director of
10 the Lung Transplantation Program, and director of the Center for
11 Lung Cancer and Related Disorders; he is a pioneer in the technique
12 of video thoracoscopy, for which he designed and patented a set of
13 instruments; elected to the Institute of Medicine of the National
14 Academies of Science in 2005, he is the recipient of numerous
15 accolades; he has published more than 250 original papers and
16 authored or coauthored more than a dozen books, and he serves on the
17 editorial boards of the *Annals of Surgery*, *Contemporary Surgery*,
18 *ACS Surgery*, and other notable publications; and

19 WHEREAS, A native of Philadelphia, Dr. Kaiser is returning to
20 his hometown to become chief executive of the Temple University
21 Health System, senior executive vice president for Health Sciences,
22 and dean of the School of Medicine; as he begins his new
23 responsibilities at that prestigious institution, he may reflect
24 with pride on his contributions to The University of Texas Health
25 Science Center at Houston and the surrounding community; now,
26 therefore, be it

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas

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1 Legislature hereby commend Dr. Larry R. Kaiser for his
2 accomplishments as president of The University of Texas Health
3 Science Center at Houston and extend to him sincere best wishes for
4 continued success as he embarks on the next exciting chapter of his
5 career; and, be it further

6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
7 prepared for Dr. Kaiser as an expression of high regard by the Texas
8 House of Representatives.