

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 529

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Dr. David K. Teegarden, who is retiring after 40 years of devoted service as a physician and educator; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Teegarden has long been committed to improving medical care and making it more accessible for the people of East Texas; he has also focused on developing physician leaders throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Teegarden graduated from The University of Texas Medical Branch in 1971 and completed an internship at Brackenridge Hospital in Austin and a residency and fellowship at the Mayo Clinic and Baylor University Medical Center, becoming board certified in both internal medicine and gastroenterology; and

WHEREAS, He served in the United States Army and was stationed at the Army Institute of Surgical Research at Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, where he was chief of the division of gastroenterology; he received the Army Commendation Medal; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Teegarden moved to Tyler and began a long career of providing medical services to people throughout the East Texas area; a pioneer in bringing specialty care to patients outside of a major metropolitan area, he traveled to rural communities, providing services in small rural hospitals and helping to keep such hospitals in local communities; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Teegarden was one of the four founders of the Trinity Clinic and Trinity Mother Frances Health System, which was formed through the merger of Mother Frances Hospital and 56 physicians in 1995; the newly formed health system was one of the first fully integrated health care systems in the state, and he currently serves as its president and chief medical officer; and

WHEREAS, He also holds a master of science degree in medical management and has served as an adjunct professor at several institutions, working tirelessly to develop physician leaders who are skilled in providing caring, efficient, and high-quality health care; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Teegarden has served on the Mayo Clinic Leadership Council for Alumni Philanthropy, as president of the Mayo Clinic Alumni Association, and on the executive advisory board of The University of Texas at Tyler College of Business and Technology; and

WHEREAS, This outstanding physician has contributed significantly to enhancing the provision of high-quality health care to the people of East Texas; he is truly an inspiration to those who have had the pleasure of knowing him and working with him; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby commend Dr. David K. Teegarden for his many years of service, leadership, and commitment to providing the best possible health care for Texas citizens and extend to him best wishes in all his future endeavors; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of the high regard of the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 16, 2011.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate