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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Dr. Clarence Brooks of Fort Worth has earned the  
2 admiration and esteem of his colleagues, patients, and community  
3 for his selfless dedication to his fellow citizens; and

4           WHEREAS, Born to Marie Norris Brooks and Dr. Marion J. Brooks  
5 in Fort Worth on October 22, 1950, Dr. Brooks is heir to an  
6 impressive family legacy; his father was an accomplished physician  
7 and community leader, and his uncle, Dr. Donald Brooks, was the  
8 first African American in Fort Worth to practice general surgery;  
9 and

10           WHEREAS, In 1968, Dr. Brooks enrolled at Howard University,  
11 where he joined Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity; after graduating with a  
12 medical degree in 1975, he became part of the Brooks Family Practice  
13 Clinic, which was founded by his father and uncle; at the clinic, he  
14 was moved by the compassion and generosity evidenced by the senior  
15 Brooks brothers, who treated patients regardless of their ability  
16 to pay; guided by their example, he has continued to waive fees for  
17 patients of lesser means throughout his nearly 40 years with the  
18 family practice; he has also provided low-cost physicals to  
19 countless aspiring high school athletes, in the belief that cost  
20 should never be a barrier to participation in sports; his open-door  
21 policy is still repaid by grateful patients with such heartfelt  
22 expressions of thanks as cakes, cookies, and the occasional slab of  
23 ribs; and

24           WHEREAS, While accomplishing immeasurable good through his

1 work as a physician, Dr. Brooks has also carried forward his  
2 family's notable tradition of community service; as president of  
3 the Sickle Cell Anemia Association of Texas from 1976 to 1986, he  
4 traveled across the state promoting testing for the disease and  
5 seeking increased funding for both testing and research; he  
6 formerly served for two years on the City of Fort Worth Planning and  
7 Zoning Commission, and he was a founding director of the Tarrant  
8 County Black Historical and Genealogical Society; and

9 WHEREAS, Among the awards garnered by this distinguished  
10 gentleman is the Dr. Marion J. Brooks Living Legends Award for  
11 Medicine, given by the Renaissance Cultural Center; in addition, he  
12 has been a recipient of the Outstanding Young Doctor Award from  
13 *Dollars and Cents* magazine, and he has been named one of the  
14 Outstanding Physicians in Black America; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Brooks is the devoted husband of Sonya Hamilton  
16 and the proud father of two children, Leigh Higginbotham Butler and  
17 Codie Elaine Brooks; his treasured family also includes two  
18 grandchildren, Christopher Caleb Butler and Gavin Brooks Butler;  
19 and

20 WHEREAS, Possessed of a genuine concern for others,  
21 Dr. Clarence Brooks has given freely of his talents and resources  
22 to benefit the wider community, and he is an inspiration to all who  
23 are privileged to know him; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
25 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby honor Dr. Clarence Brooks  
26 for his exceptional career in medicine and extend to him sincere  
27 appreciation for his sterling example of social responsibility in

1 action; and, be it further

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