

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, For 10 years, Christopher J. Durovich has  
2 distinguished himself in his work as president and chief executive  
3 officer of Children's Medical Center Dallas, and his influential  
4 leadership in pediatric health care was recently recognized with  
5 his election as chair of the Children's Hospital Association Board  
6 of Trustees; and

7           WHEREAS, Possessing more than three decades of experience in  
8 medical administration, Mr. Durovich held senior positions at The  
9 University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center and Baylor College  
10 of Medicine before joining CMC Dallas in 2003; his knowledge has  
11 benefited a number of professional organizations as well, including  
12 the American Hospital Association, where he is a member of the board  
13 of trustees and the executive committee; and

14           WHEREAS, Under Mr. Durovich's leadership, CMC Dallas has  
15 become the fifth-largest pediatric health care provider in the  
16 country, seeing 200,000 young people a year; the hospital is ranked  
17 by *U.S. News & World Report* in all 10 of the publication's rated  
18 specialties for 2012-2013, and it is the only children's facility  
19 in the nation to achieve seven disease-specific certifications from  
20 The Joint Commission; in addition, its quality nursing staff has  
21 earned the approval of the American Nurses Credentialing Center  
22 Magnet Recognition Program; and

23           WHEREAS, Mr. Durovich has placed a special emphasis on  
24 research, and as part of that effort, CMC Dallas joined with The

1 University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center to found the  
2 Children's Medical Center Research Institute; another important  
3 investigative initiative is the annual *Beyond ABC* report published  
4 by CMC Dallas, which provides comprehensive data on the wellness of  
5 children in six North Texas counties; and

6 WHEREAS, Celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2013, the  
7 medical center is also an important source of jobs and business  
8 activity in the region; it employs some 5,600 individuals and a  
9 medical and dental staff of more than 1,000, and it has a total  
10 economic impact of approximately \$1.6 billion per year; moreover,  
11 because the center welcomes all children regardless of a family's  
12 ability to pay and without tax support from the city or county, it  
13 provided \$140 million in community benefits in 2011; the center's  
14 network of pediatric primary-care offices in underserved areas  
15 allowed nearly 100,000 children to receive vital treatment in their  
16 own neighborhoods during 2012; and

17 WHEREAS, The expertise Mr. Durovich has gained at CMC Dallas  
18 will serve him well in his new role with the Children's Hospital  
19 Association; formerly the vice chair of the organization's  
20 13-member board, he will now play an even greater role in guiding  
21 the CHA, which represents over 220 medical centers across the  
22 country that specialize in treating young patients; and

23 WHEREAS, Chris Durovich has helped to build Children's  
24 Medical Center Dallas into a national leader in its field, and he  
25 truly merits special recognition and praise for his  
26 accomplishments; now, therefore, be it

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas

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1 Legislature hereby commend Christopher J. Durovich on his  
2 exemplary tenure as president and CEO of Children's Medical Center  
3 Dallas and congratulate him on his election as chair of the  
4 Children's Hospital Association Board of Trustees; and, be it  
5 further

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

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 783 was adopted by the House on March 13, 2013, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House