## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The University of Texas Medical Branch has deservedly been named the 2013 Employer of the Year by the Galveston County Daily News; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1891 as The University of Texas Medical Department, UTMB was the first academic health center to be created in Texas and is among the oldest in the nation; its 84-acre campus features four schools, three institutes for advanced study, a comprehensive medical library, and numerous research facilities, along with a network of hospitals and clinics that provide a full range of primary and specialized medical care; and

WHEREAS, The largest employer in Galveston County, UTMB provides jobs to thousands of local residents, with a staff that includes medical professionals, corporate executives, clerical workers, police officers, librarians, and more, and the benefits of this large and diverse workforce are many; the center attracts outstanding health care providers and educators to the county, and it contributes millions of dollars in tax revenue while generating billions of dollars in spending across the state; and

WHEREAS, UTMB has earned great distinction for itself and its staff with its commitment to improving the health and well-being of the people it serves, and in so doing, it has strengthened the economy and prosperity of Galveston County and the entire Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

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

1 Legislature hereby congratulate The University of Texas Medical 2 Branch on its selection as the 2013 Employer of the Year by the 3 Galveston County Daily News and extend to all those associated with the organization sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for UTMB as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

