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H.R. No. 396

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, After eight years of exceptional service as
2 commissioner of the Texas Department of State Health Services,
3 Dr. David L. Lakey concluded his tenure in that important post on
4 January 30, 2015; and

5 WHEREAS, This skilled medical professional became
6 commissioner of DSHS in January 2007, taking charge of one of the
7 state's largest agencies; he was responsible for overseeing
8 programs to address such urgent issues as disease prevention,
9 disaster preparedness, environmental and consumer safety, and
10 family and community health services; his outstanding leadership
11 abilities were demonstrated on a number of occasions, most recently
12 in response to the Ebola virus outbreak in 2014, when he played a
13 key part in coordinating the state's efforts to contain the
14 disease; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Lakey is a graduate of the Indiana University
16 School of Medicine, and he completed his residency in internal
17 medicine and a fellowship in adult and pediatric infectious disease
18 at Vanderbilt University Medical Center; before joining DSHS, he
19 served as an associate professor of medicine for eight years at The
20 University of Texas Health Science Center in Tyler, where he was
21 also chief of the Division of Clinical Infectious Disease and
22 medical director of the Center for Pulmonary and Infectious Disease
23 Control; in addition, he excelled in his duties as the associate
24 director for infectious disease and biosecurity at the UT Center

1 for Biosecurity and Public Health Preparedness, and he was
2 responsible for leading a bioterrorism preparedness committee for
3 34 hospitals and for guiding the development of the Public Health
4 Laboratory of East Texas; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Lakey left his post as commissioner to accept a
6 first-ever joint appointment with The University of Texas System
7 and UT Health Northeast, in which he will focus on improving health
8 outcomes throughout the state; in this role, he will continue to
9 make important contributions that will help safeguard the
10 well-being of Texas residents, furthering his notable legacy of
11 public service; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
13 Legislature hereby commend Dr. David L. Lakey for his
14 accomplishments as commissioner of the Texas Department of State
15 Health Services and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued
16 success; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for Dr. Lakey as an expression of high regard by the Texas
19 House of Representatives.