

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 400

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Charles J. Barnett for his distinguished career in health care leadership and for his numerous professional achievements; and

WHEREAS, Charles Barnett is a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives and a beloved Austin resident; he recently stepped down as executive chairman of the board of Seton Healthcare Family after having served for many years as the organization's president and chief executive officer; and

WHEREAS, Under Mr. Barnett's leadership the Seton Healthcare Family grew from a \$200 million to a \$2 billion organization; in addition, the organization championed fund-raising for the construction of Dell Children's Medical Center and led the development of a protocol for delivering babies that significantly reduced birth-trauma events, for which Seton earned the Ernest Amory Codman Award; and

WHEREAS, In 2009, Mr. Barnett was named Austinite of the Year for his role in negotiating the relationship between Seton and The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School; this ultimately enabled the university system to launch its new medical school in Austin; and

WHEREAS, His professional successes have gained recognition on the local and national levels; he was named the 2013 Legacy Award Winner for Best Chief Executive Officer by the *Austin Business Journal*, and in 2005, he was the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award from the American Heart Association for his leadership during the influx of patients in the aftermath

of Hurricane Rita; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Barnett stepped down from his leadership role at Seton on February 13, 2015, and he began a new chapter in his career with Cognitive Scale, a cloud technology company, where he is helping to develop innovative health care products; he will be missed at the Seton Healthcare Family, but his leadership has left a lasting imprint that will benefit the system for years to come; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 84th Legislature, hereby commend Charles J. Barnett for his outstanding accomplishments in the field of health care and his invaluable contributions to the Seton Healthcare Family and extend to him best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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

Watson

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 19, 2015.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate