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H.R. No. 365

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Gary Schwarz has been recognized by DentaQuest  
2 as one of the organization's 2017 Health Equity Heroes; and

3 WHEREAS, Established in 2015, the DentaQuest Health Equity  
4 Hero awards program recognizes industry leaders whose innovative  
5 efforts have helped improve health outcomes and access to care for  
6 underserved populations in their local communities; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Schwarz is cofounder and former president of the  
8 Weslaco-based nonprofit organization Dentists Who Care, which  
9 serves low-income, uninsured families in the Rio Grande Valley;  
10 since its founding in 1996, the group has provided \$7.5 million in  
11 free preventive dental care to more than 25,000 patients; and

12 WHEREAS, A graduate of the Baylor University College of  
13 Dentistry, this notable Texan currently practices at Valley OMS  
14 Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, and he belongs to a number of  
15 professional organizations, including the American Dental  
16 Association, the Rio Grande Valley District Dental Society, and the  
17 American College of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons; he has further  
18 given of his time and expertise as founder and director of the  
19 Seattle Study Club of South Texas and as a member of the board of  
20 trustees for the Valley Baptist Health System; and

21 WHEREAS, Through his commitment to offering skilled,  
22 compassionate, and accessible dental care, Dr. Gary Schwarz has  
23 benefited the lives of many South Texans, and this prestigious  
24 award is indeed a fitting acknowledgment of his outstanding record

1 of service; now, therefore, be it

2           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
3 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate Dr. Gary  
4 Schwarz on his selection as a 2017 DentaQuest Health Equity Hero and  
5 extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it  
6 further

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