

By: Dutton

H.R. No. 451

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Melvyn E. Huckaby has served the citizens of
2 Houston as an oral surgeon for nearly half a century; and

3 WHEREAS, A graduate of New Mexico Highlands University with a
4 degree in chemistry and zoology, Dr. Huckaby went on to earn his DDS
5 degree in 1962 from the Meharry Medical College School of Dentistry
6 in Nashville, Tennessee; after interning at Harlem Hospital in New
7 York and completing a postgraduate oral pathology program at the
8 New York Institute of Clinical Oral Pathology, he returned to
9 Harlem Hospital to work as a resident oral surgeon; and

10 WHEREAS, In 1968, Dr. Huckaby established a private practice
11 in his hometown of Houston, becoming the city's first African
12 American oral surgeon; he operated the practice until 1990, when he
13 joined the staff of the Craven & Plummer, Inc., Dental Center; he
14 has since earned the admiration of many not only for his medical
15 expertise but also for the compassion and care with which he treats
16 his patients, including families of limited means; and

17 WHEREAS, Over the years, Dr. Huckaby has served as a visiting
18 professor and lecturer at his alma mater, Meharry's School of
19 Dentistry, and he is a member of the American Association of Oral
20 and Maxillofacial Surgeons; he has contributed to his community
21 through his service on the board of the Resource Development Center
22 and as secretary of Hope Development; in 2009, the New Mexico
23 Highlands University Alumni Association honored him for his
24 achievements with the Distinguished Alumnus Award; and

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Melvyn Huckaby has had a positive and lasting
2 impact on countless lives throughout his long career in medicine,
3 and he may reflect with considerable pride on all that he has
4 accomplished; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
6 Legislature hereby commend Dr. Melvyn E. Huckaby for his many years
7 of service as an oral surgeon and extend to him sincere best wishes
8 for the future; and, be it further

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