

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The life of a transformative figure in modern
2 medicine drew to a close with the passing of Dr. Charles Aubrey
3 LeMaistre on January 28, 2017, at the age of 92; and

4 WHEREAS, "Mickey" LeMaistre helped save countless lives
5 through his pioneering work in cancer prevention; he served on the
6 first U.S. Surgeon General's Advisory Committee on Smoking and
7 Health, which galvanized change in health care policy with its
8 landmark 1964 report identifying cigarettes as a major health
9 hazard; he went on to advocate powerfully against smoking as
10 president of the Damon Runyon-Walter Winchell Cancer Fund and as
11 national president of the American Cancer Society, and he chaired
12 the National Conference on Smoking OR Health as well as the
13 International Summit of Smoking Control Leaders; and

14 WHEREAS, In 1978, Dr. LeMaistre became president of The
15 University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, and he held that
16 position until his retirement in 1996; his unique gifts as a
17 physician, educator, and administrator were used to masterfully
18 guide the center's expansion during an era of rapid evolution in
19 health care; among other achievements, he established an innovative
20 and highly influential cancer-prevention program, and his
21 groundbreaking work also included cost-saving outpatient services
22 and a multidisciplinary approach to patient care; and

23 WHEREAS, Born in Lockhart, Alabama, Dr. LeMaistre
24 demonstrated an early interest in medicine and began accompanying

1 two prominent Tuscaloosa physicians on house calls, even assisting
2 in emergency surgeries; he enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserves as a
3 student at the University of Alabama and continued to serve his
4 country while completing his degree at Cornell University Medical
5 School; after working as chief resident at New York Hospital, he
6 became an assistant professor of medicine at Cornell and completed
7 a postdoctoral research fellowship in which he collaborated on the
8 development of drugs for infectious diseases; he was called to
9 active duty by the army in 1951 as a commissioned officer senior
10 assistant surgeon, and following his honorable discharge, he
11 remained a physician on active nonmilitary duty with the United
12 States Public Health Service; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. LeMaistre joined the faculty of Emory
14 University School of Medicine in the mid-1950s and rose to become
15 the first chair of Preventive Medicine and Community Health before
16 accepting a professorship at The University of Texas Southwestern
17 Medical School in 1959; six years later, he was appointed associate
18 dean of UT Southwestern, and he subsequently served the UT System as
19 executive vice chancellor for Health Affairs, deputy chancellor,
20 and chancellor-elect; he began a distinguished seven-year tenure as
21 system chancellor in 1971; and

22 WHEREAS, Over the course of his extraordinary career,
23 Dr. LeMaistre gave generously of his time and expertise as a member
24 of the board for many charitable organizations; his extensive
25 involvement with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration
26 was recognized with the NASA Distinguished Public Service Medal in
27 1995, and his myriad accolades further included the Cornell

1 University Alumni Award for Distinction, the University of Alabama
2 School of Medicine Distinguished Alumnus Award, and the American
3 Cancer Society Medal of Honor; the UT System Board of Regents named
4 him Chancellor Emeritus, and he was an Honorary Life Trustee of the
5 Menninger Foundation; and

6 WHEREAS, Devoted to his family, Dr. LeMaistre was the father
7 of Dr. Charles Frederick LeMaistre, William Sydney LeMaistre,
8 Dr. Joyce Anne LeMaistre, and Helen LeMaistre Meyer, and he took
9 great pride in his six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren;
10 he shared a fulfilling marriage of 52 years with Joyce Trapp
11 LeMaistre until her passing in 2003; fortunate enough to find love a
12 second time, he married Andreae "Andi" LeMaistre in 2005, and the
13 couple worked together to launch a volunteer patient advocacy
14 program and to support an initiative aimed at lowering the price of
15 cancer drugs; and

16 WHEREAS, Mickey LeMaistre made a profound and positive impact
17 in the world through his enormous achievements in medicine and
18 education, and his contributions will continue to resonate for
19 generations to come; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
21 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Dr. Charles Aubrey
22 "Mickey" LeMaistre and extend deepest condolences to all who mourn
23 his passing; and, be it further

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1 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
2 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
3 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Dr. Mickey
4 LeMaistre.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 627 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 9, 2017.

Chief Clerk of the House