

By: Davis of Dallas

H.R. No. 732

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dorothy L. Stoker-Starks is retiring from the
2 Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Dallas in 2017, drawing to a
3 close a remarkable tenure with the center that spanned nearly half a
4 century; and

5 WHEREAS, A native of Harleton, Mrs. Starks began her career
6 in nursing as a trainee at the VA Medical Center in 1969; she went on
7 to spend 45 years in the operating room as a certified surgical
8 technologist in neurology and plastic surgery and to serve as a
9 preceptor and advocate for those new to the field; she also
10 volunteered as an ambassador for veterans and their families; her
11 contributions to the VA North Texas Health Care System were
12 recognized with the Nursing of Excellence Award in 2012 and the
13 Daisy Ambassador Award in 2014; and

14 WHEREAS, In addition to going above and beyond in her
15 professional duties, Mrs. Starks has served on the board of
16 directors of the Texas State Assembly of the Association of
17 Surgical Technologists, which awarded her a Fellowship of High
18 Honor in 2008, and as president of the T. Mathis Hawkins Section of
19 the National Council of Negro Women; moreover, she has given back to
20 her community by helping sponsor a local health fair, mentoring
21 young women, supporting the American Cancer Society, and assisting
22 families at the Ronald McDonald House; and

23 WHEREAS, An active member of the Alta Mesa Park Baptist
24 Church, Mrs. Starks serves as president of the General Mission and

1 assists with the congregation's various ministries; she has also
2 held the offices of president and parliamentarian of the Greater
3 Dallas Area Sisterhood of the Missionary Baptist General Convention
4 of Texas; and

5 WHEREAS, Retirement offers Mrs. Starks a welcome opportunity
6 to spend more time with her family, which includes her three
7 children, three grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren; and

8 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan's commitment to the highest
9 standards of her profession has greatly benefited her fellow
10 citizens, and she may indeed reflect with pride on a career well
11 spent as she embarks on the next exciting chapter of her life; now,
12 therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
14 Legislature hereby congratulate Dorothy L. Stoker-Starks on her
15 retirement from the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Dallas and
16 extend to her sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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