

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Since its establishment in 1952, the University of
2 Houston College of Optometry has been a leader in education, vision
3 research, and patient care; and

4 WHEREAS, Today, under the able leadership of Dr. Earl L.
5 Smith III, the UH College of Optometry offers a graduate program
6 with several degree options, as well as a doctorate of optometry,
7 clinical residencies, and a summer career program; the college
8 includes the University Eye Institute, the Molly and Doug Barnes
9 Vision Institute, and the Texas Eye Research and Technology Center;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, The five community clinics operated by the UH
12 College of Optometry are integral to its mission as well; located in
13 Houston, Dallas, and Fort Worth, these facilities administer
14 comprehensive eye examinations and diagnose and treat eye disorders
15 at a reduced cost to the public, giving students valuable hands-on
16 optometry experience; in addition, the college operates the Mobile
17 Eye Institute, which extends on-site care to patients with limited
18 mobility or reduced access to traditional health care facilities,
19 and it also supplements classroom instruction with innovative
20 research opportunities; moreover, students volunteer hundreds of
21 hours each year to provide services locally and internationally;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, For more than six decades, the University of Houston
24 College of Optometry has devoted itself to offering optometric

1 education of exceptional quality, and in so doing, it has equipped
2 generations of Texans with the knowledge and skills necessary to
3 build rewarding careers in service to their communities; now,
4 therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
6 Legislature hereby honor the University of Houston College of
7 Optometry and extend to its faculty, staff, and students sincere
8 best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 891

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 891 was adopted by the House on March 23, 2017, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House