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H.R. No. 1351

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, For more than four decades, Dr. James W. Kennedy has
2 been a leader in the dental community in Houston and across the Lone
3 Star State; and

4 WHEREAS, Jim Kennedy graduated from the oral and
5 maxillofacial surgery program of the School of Dentistry at The
6 University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston in 1971; and

7 WHEREAS, For the next 35 years, Dr. Kennedy maintained a
8 successful private practice as an oral and maxillofacial surgeon in
9 Houston and Sugar Land; at various times, he served as president of
10 the Houston, Texas, and Southwestern Societies of Oral and
11 Maxillofacial Surgeons; and

12 WHEREAS, After leaving private practice in 2006, Dr. Kennedy
13 joined the faculty of the School of Dentistry at UTHSC; in that
14 role, he served as chief of oral and maxillofacial surgery at Ben
15 Taub General Hospital, training residents and student dentists
16 there and at Memorial Hermann Hospital; he retired from the
17 department in 2011; and

18 WHEREAS, This dynamic and gifted medical professional also
19 helped to regulate the practice of dentistry across the state as a
20 member and presiding officer of the Texas State Board of Dental
21 Examiners; he retired from the board after 10 years' service in
22 2014; and

23 WHEREAS, Dr. Kennedy's commitment to the highest standards
24 of his profession has greatly benefited his patients and the dental

1 field in Texas, and he may indeed reflect with pride on a career
2 well spent; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
4 Legislature hereby commend Dr. James W. Kennedy for his long record
5 of service as a distinguished member of the dental profession and
6 extend to him best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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