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H.R. No. 2235

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Dr. Mark A. Baker will be taking office as president  
2 of the American Osteopathic Association on July 22, 2017, and this  
3 provides a fitting opportunity to celebrate his long and  
4 distinguished career; and

5           WHEREAS, The AOA represents 130,000 osteopathic physicians  
6 and medical students, and Dr. Baker is the first Texan to head the  
7 association since 1985; and

8           WHEREAS, The son of an osteopathic physician, Dr. Baker  
9 earned his medical degree in 1976 as a member of the third  
10 graduating class of the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine; he  
11 began his impressive 40-year career by working as an osteopathic  
12 family physician, and he later became a board-certified osteopathic  
13 radiologist and a Fellow of the American Osteopathic College of  
14 Radiology; over the years, he has dedicated countless hours to  
15 teaching and mentoring the students of his alma mater, which  
16 presented him with the Founders' Medal in recognition of his  
17 outstanding service; and

18           WHEREAS, Committed to the advancement of the field of  
19 osteopathy, Dr. Baker has been a part of the AOA House of Delegates  
20 for more than a quarter century, serving as speaker of the house  
21 from 2000 to 2005, and he was a member of the board of trustees from  
22 2005 to 2017; moreover, he held the office of president of the Texas  
23 Osteopathic Medical Association from 2001 to 2002; and

24           WHEREAS, For four decades, Dr. Mark Baker has proven himself

1 a skilled and caring physician and radiologist as well as a leader  
2 in his profession, and he may indeed take great pride in his many  
3 accomplishments as he takes on the responsibilities of his new  
4 position; now, therefore, be it

5         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
6 Legislature hereby congratulate Dr. Mark A. Baker on his  
7 appointment as president of the American Osteopathic Association  
8 and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it  
9 further

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