

By: Kacal

H.R. No. 213

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Dr. Roland Goertz is retiring from Waco Family  
2 Health Center in February 2019, drawing to a close a remarkable  
3 career as a physician and administrator that has spanned more than  
4 three decades; and

5           WHEREAS, Roland Goertz graduated from The University of Texas  
6 Health Science Center at San Antonio in 1981 and served his  
7 residency at John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth; in 1986, he  
8 completed a clinical teaching fellowship in family medicine, and in  
9 2003, he earned a master's degree in business administration from  
10 Baylor University; and

11           WHEREAS, During the first 10 years of his career, Dr. Goertz  
12 served as director of a family practice residency program in Corpus  
13 Christi, medical director of a health plan in Austin, chair of the  
14 department of family medicine at the UT Health Science Center at  
15 Houston, and chief medical officer of the group partnership  
16 practice of Houston Medical School and Hermann Hospital; and

17           WHEREAS, He moved to Waco in 1997, accepting the challenge of  
18 overseeing a struggling community clinic, Waco Family Health  
19 Center; as executive director and chief executive officer of the  
20 foundations that supervise the center, he worked to have the clinic  
21 certified as a federally qualified health center; since achieving  
22 that goal in 1999, the Family Health Center has grown and thrived,  
23 increasing its number of patients by 80 percent and expanding to 15  
24 locations; it also operates a 36-bed family medicine residency

1 program, the Brazos Regional Area Health Education Center, and the  
2 Family Medicine Faculty Development Center of Texas; and

3 WHEREAS, A leader in his profession and his community,  
4 Dr. Goertz has chaired the Family Practice Residency Advisory  
5 Committee of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and  
6 served on the advisory board of Baylor University's Hankamer School  
7 of Business and the board of the American Academy of Family  
8 Physicians (AAFP); he has been a member of the Rotary Club, Waco  
9 Community Health Action Partners, the Waco Business League, and the  
10 executive committee of the Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Goertz's awards include the Presidential Award  
12 of Merit, the Political Action Committee Award, and the  
13 Philanthropist of the Year award from the Texas Academy of Family  
14 Physicians, the Robert Graham Family Physician Executive Award from  
15 the AAFP, the Gold-Headed Cane Award from the McLennan County  
16 Medical Society and Alliance, and the Distinguished Medical Alumnus  
17 Award from the San Antonio School of Medicine Alumni Association;  
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Over the course of 33 years, Dr. Goertz has made a  
20 significant impact on the practice of family medicine in Texas, and  
21 his work as a skilled physician and an inspiring administrator has  
22 benefited the lives of thousands in McLennan County; he has earned  
23 the respect and admiration of his patients and his fellow doctors,  
24 and he may indeed reflect with pride on a career well-spent as he  
25 embarks upon the next exciting chapter of his life; now, therefore,  
26 be it

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas

H.R. No. 213

1 Legislature hereby congratulate Dr. Roland Goertz on his  
2 retirement from Waco Family Health Center and extend to him sincere  
3 best wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

4       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
5 prepared for Dr. Goertz as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
6 House of Representatives.