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H.R. No. 641

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The City of Victoria is bidding a fond farewell to
2 Dr. Yusuke Yahagi in April 2019, when he retires from his position
3 at Citizens Medical Center and leaves the community that he has
4 served for more than a decade; and

5 WHEREAS, A native of Japan who has made his home in the Lone
6 Star State for much of his career, Dr. Yahagi joined the medical
7 staff at Citizens Medical Center as a cardiovascular and thoracic
8 surgeon 13 years ago, after previously working in San Antonio and in
9 Lubbock, where he was chief of cardiac surgery at Texas Tech
10 University; admired for his skill and his exceptional manner with
11 patients, he was named the city's "Best Cardiologist" by the
12 *Victoria Advocate* in 2014; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Yahagi is also a talented musician, and he is
14 the front man for the band Dr. Yahagi and the Mended Hearts; over
15 the years, the Mended Hearts have raised thousands of dollars for
16 charitable groups through performances and benefit concerts,
17 including a sum of \$10,000 for survivors of the 2011 earthquake and
18 tsunami in Japan; Dr. Yahagi and his bandmates have also helped
19 support the Relay for Life, the Vine School for children with
20 communication disorders, and other deserving causes, and a portion
21 of their album sales go to the surgeon's own charity, the Yahagi
22 Heart Foundation; and

23 WHEREAS, This multitalented gentleman enjoys running,
24 lifting weights, and painting in his leisure hours, and he authored

1 a novel, *The Exchange Soldier*, about a boy who attends a military
2 academy in Tokyo; with his retirement, he and his wife, April, are
3 looking forward to having the opportunity to spend more time with
4 their three daughters and their grandson; and

5 WHEREAS, Although he will be sorely missed in Victoria,
6 Dr. Yusuke Yahagi carries with him the best wishes of his many
7 friends, patients, and fans as he embarks on what is certain to be
8 another exciting chapter in his life; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
10 Legislature hereby honor Dr. Yusuke Yahagi for his years of service
11 to Victoria and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future;
12 and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for Dr. Yahagi as an expression of high regard by the Texas
15 House of Representatives.