

By: White

H.R. No. 693

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Dr. Sandra Smith Wright, a health care executive  
2 with more than 30 years of leadership experience, has been named an  
3 Outstanding Texan by the Texas Legislative Black Caucus; and

4           WHEREAS, A registered nurse since 1973, Sandra Wright earned  
5 her associate degree at Angelina College, her master's degree in  
6 public affairs at The University of Texas at Dallas, and both her  
7 bachelor's degree in nursing and her doctorate in educational  
8 leadership at Stephen F. Austin State University; earlier in her  
9 career, she worked for home health care providers, including  
10 Concepts of Care in Dallas, where she held a number of leadership  
11 roles during her notable 23-year tenure; and

12           WHEREAS, In 2001, Dr. Wright took the reins as CEO of the  
13 Tyler County Hospital District in Woodville, which consists of a  
14 49-bed hospital, a rural health clinic, a vocational school of  
15 nursing, and an associated charitable foundation; she guided the  
16 hospital system for 17 years until her recent retirement in October  
17 2018; and

18           WHEREAS, Active in her community and generous with her time  
19 and talents, Dr. Wright has served on the boards of the Houston  
20 Methodist Hospital, the Burke Center in Lufkin, the Texas Hospital  
21 Insurance Exchange in Austin, and the American Hospital Association  
22 in Chicago; in addition, she is a licensed ordained minister who has  
23 pastored several United Methodist Churches, and she is a past  
24 president of the Tyler County Chamber of Commerce; she has been

1 honored with the Pioneer Award by the Texas Hospital Association in  
2 2006 and named a Paul Harris Fellow by Rotary International in 2017;  
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Sandra Wright has greatly benefited her fellow  
5 citizens through her professional and civic contributions, and she  
6 may indeed reflect with pride on her lifetime of service; now,  
7 therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
9 Legislature hereby congratulate Dr. Sandra Smith Wright on  
10 receiving an Outstanding Texan Award from the Texas Legislative  
11 Black Caucus and extend to her 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. Wright as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
15 House of Representatives.