RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Carol Paret celebrated her 40th anniversary with

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2 Memorial Hermann Health System on May 11, 2021, and this occasion offers a welcome opportunity to pay tribute to her outstanding 3 record of service to the largest not-for-profit health system in 4 5 Southeast Texas; and WHEREAS, A native of Silsbee, Ms. Paret holds degrees from 6 the University of Houston and The University of Texas School of 7 Public Health; since joining MHHS, she has held a series of 8 9 increasingly important roles within the organization, including leadership positions in the divisions of Facilities and Community 10 11 Planning, Business Development, Continuing Medical Education, Physician Residency and Credentialing, Clinical Effectiveness, 12 Privacy and Security, and Medical Records and Coding; and 13 14 WHEREAS, Ms. Paret currently serves as MHHS senior vice president, chief community health officer, and CEO of the system's 15 Community Benefit Corporation, and she has worked tirelessly to 16 ensure that the underserved and uninsured have access to essential 17 health benefits; those efforts include finding ways to address the 18 social determinants of health and facilitating collaborations 19 between health care providers, government, business, and community 20 21 stakeholders, all in order to secure access to health care for the 22 most vulnerable within the Greater Houston community; in 1995, she 23 oversaw the launch of the Memorial Hermann Health Centers for

Schools program, which has established freestanding and mobile

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- 1 medical and dental clinics for nearly two million underserved
- 2 public school children across five school districts; and
- 3 WHEREAS, In addition to her work for MHHS, Ms. Paret has
- 4 served on the boards of several noteworthy organizations, including
- 5 El Centro de Corazón, Gateway to Care, and the Texas Health
- 6 Institute, which honored her with the prestigious Fratis L. Duff
- 7 Award in 2015; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Today, the employees and affiliated physicians of
- 9 Memorial Hermann Health System serve millions of patients
- 10 through 17 hospitals and more than 300 care delivery sites, and
- 11 over the course of the past four decades, Carol Paret has played a
- 12 vital role in the system's success through her visionary leadership
- 13 and transformative approach to health care delivery; now,
- 14 therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
- 16 Legislature hereby commend Carol Paret on her four decades of
- 17 service to the Memorial Hermann Health System and extend to her
- 18 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further
- 19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 20 prepared for Ms. Paret as an expression of high regard by the Texas
- 21 House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1345 was adopted by the House on May 26, 2021, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House