

Resolution Honoring *Kenneth L. Mattox, MD, FACS*

WHEREAS, Dr. Kenneth L. Mattox, an American surgeon has written books, mainly in the area of trauma medicine and has dedicated himself to help others for over 60 years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kenneth L. Mattox is a Distinguished Service Professor at Baylor College of Medicine and Chief of Staff and Surgeon-in-Chief at Harris Health System, Ben Taub Hospital. Dr. Mattox has worked at Ben Taub Hospital, since 1973 where he has been at the forefront of surgical critical care for those 60 years, in addition to breaking ground with its automated system for the storage and retrieval of laboratory data in 1975. Dr. Mattox helped develop the internationally renowned Ben Taub Hospital Emergency Center and its equally respected Trauma Center. His reputation as an innovator in trauma care is known worldwide; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mattox, was elected second vice president-elect by the American College of Surgeons at this year's Clinical Congress in Washington, D.C. Dr. Mattox also was honored with the 2013 Benjamin Rush Award for Citizenship and Community Service by the American Medical Association. The award is given to individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to the community above and beyond the call of duty as a practicing physician; and

WHEREAS Dr. Mattox is past President of the American Association for the Surgery of Trauma and Secretary-Treasurer of the Michael E. DeBakey International Surgical Society. He previously chaired the Mayor's Red Ribbon Committee to address Houston Fire Department Emergency Medical Services, and sat on the Hospital Subcommittee of the Mayor's Special Task Force on the Medical Aspects of Disaster. Currently, Dr. Mattox serves as consultant to the Center for Biologic Evaluation and Research of the FDA; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mattox joined the Harris County Hospital District Foundation Board of Trustees in 2011 and continues to serve as a Trustee; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mattox was instrumental in conducting a litany of tours for the HCHD Foundation "Day in the District" program. The HCHD Foundation created "A Day in the District" to help community members develop a deep understanding of the tremendous actions physicians and nurses take on a daily basis in the Harris Health System. The program includes information on the complex healthcare system, and the role Harris Health has in providing care for those in need in our great community; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mattox volunteered wisdom, time and effort are invaluable to the HCHD Foundation as the Foundation continues to support Harris Health Systems and Harris County residents; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Harris County Hospital District Foundation Board of Trustees hereby express its gratitude to Dr. Kenneth L. Mattox for his faithful service to the patients of Harris Health System and the Harris County Community throughout his tenure at Ben Taub Hospital. Thank you for bestowing your knowledge related to philanthropic matters, trauma, business and leadership on the HCHD Foundation and Harris Health over the years. It is a pleasure to continue working with you as the Foundation continues in its mission.

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