

Resolution Honoring *Matthew Plummer, Jr., D.M.D., M.P.H.*

WHEREAS, Dr. Matthew W. Plummer, Jr. graduated Cum Laude from The Harvard School of Dental Medicine and has a Master's Degree in Public Health Administration from The Harvard School of Public Health. In addition to his private practice, Dr. Plummer serves as Chief of Community Dentistry; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Plummer, a Dentistry Practitioner in Houston, TX will retire on September 30, 2020, as Chief of Dental Services for the Harris County Hospital District dba, Harris Health System; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Plummer, for 40 years, in conjunction with his late business partner, Dr. Mortiz V. Craven and his present business partners, Dr. Robert Lockhart Jr., and Dr. Daphne Brooks-Reed, manage and operate the dental program which they designed, developed, and implemented for the delivery of quality dental services to the underserved patients of Harris County; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Plummer and his business partners, during that 40-year period, accomplished many achievements; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Plummer and his business partners expanded the dental service network from one community base dental clinic in 1981 to nine clinics, each located in a Harris Health community-based health center; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Plummer and his business partners developed and operationalized dental service delivery program designed specifically to provide quality dental care services to diabetic patients, oncology patients, pregnant patients, and children; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Plummer and his business partners provided dentures and partials to over 22,000 patients who were completely or partially edentulous; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Plummer and his business partners met or exceeded their contractual required obligations 39 out of 40 years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Plummer and his business partners provided quality dental care to at least **600,000 unduplicated** patients and provided at least 1.2 million patient visits; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Plummer and his business partners, designed and operated the Dental Van for the Homeless Program, which provided desperately needed dental care to the homeless population living in Homeless shelters of Harris County from 2002-2015; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Plummer currently serves as Vice Chairman and Chairman of the Nominating Committee of the Harris County Hospital District Foundation. He also, sits on the Board of Directors for Prosperity Bank, the DeBakey High School for Health Profession and is a member of many other health-related organizations. Dr. Plummer is a former member of the Executive Committee for the Houston Branch of the NAACP, YMCA South Central Branch and the Academy of Dentistry for the Handicapped; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Harris County Hospital District Foundation Board of Trustees hereby express its gratitude to Dr. Matthew Plummer, Jr. for his loyal service to the patients of Harris Health System and the Harris County Community throughout his 40 years tenure. Thank you for contributing your time, knowledge related to philanthropic matters, business and leadership on the HCHD Foundation and Harris Health over the 40 years. It is a pleasure to continue working with you as the Foundation continues in its mission.

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