



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY
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Student Government Association

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Senate Resolution 23.07

(Stating the sentiments of the TTUHSC Student Senate congratulating Steven L. Berk, M.D., for his service and dedication to TTUHSC School of Medicine and the Lubbock community as the longest-standing Dean at TTUHSC School of Medicine and the second longest-standing medical school Dean in the United States still serving.)

WHEREAS, Dean Berk joined the faculty of the TTUHSC School of Medicine in 1999; and,

WHEREAS, Dean Berk served as Regional Dean for the Amarillo campus until 2006 when he was appointed Dean of the School of Medicine; and,

WHEREAS, Dean Berk has served as an advisor of the Student National Medical Association (SNMA) for the past 35 years, raising approximately \$40,000 per year for student scholarships through annual banquets; and,

WHEREAS, Dean Berk spearheaded the existing Lubbock City Lights gala to raise approximately \$40,000 per year to be distributed to student-selected local Lubbock charities; and,

WHEREAS, Dean Berk helped create the Blood Pressure Barbershop with a medical student, educating the community on measuring and interpreting blood pressures by sending medical students to take the blood pressures of patrons at local barbershops; furthermore, blood pressure cuffs were donated to the barbershops; and,

WHEREAS, Dean Berk partnered with Lubbock Impact and Dr. Patti Patterson to establish the Lubbock Free Clinic in 2008, which is student-run and provides free medical services to patients, in addition to supporting medical students gaining early clinical exposure and knowledge; and,

WHEREAS, Dean Berk continues to teach medical students in the classroom and in the Medical Ethics Humanities Certificate Program; and,

WHEREAS, Dean Berk is the author or co-author of over four textbooks and 150 peer-reviewed publications including *Anatomy of a Kidnapping: A Doctor's Story*, *In Search of the Animalcule*, and journal articles in the Lubbock Avalanche over COVID vaccinations and infections in nursing homes; and,

WHEREAS, Dean Berk continues to serve with great pride and passion in education, clinical care, and service to the Lubbock community throughout his years as Dean of TTUHSC; and therefore,

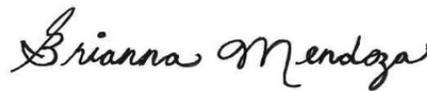
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Student Senate of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center expresses sincere gratitude to Steven L. Berk, M.D. for his instrumental role and for his service to the TTUHSC School of Medicine and to the Lubbock community; and therefore,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the Journal and that copies be sent to **Lori Rice-Spearman Ph.D.**, President of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center; **Darrin D'Agostino, D.O., MPH, MBA**, Provost and Chief Academic Officer; **Steven L. Berk, M.D.**, Dean of the TTUHSC School of Medicine; **Arianna Flores**, Editor of *The Daily Toreador*, and to the students of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

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