



Proclamation Recognizing Dr. O.H. “Bud” Frazier

WHEREAS, Dr. O. H. “Bud” Frazier was born in Stephenville, Texas and attended Tarleton State University before earning his bachelor’s degree from the University of Texas and medical degree from Baylor College of Medicine; and

WHEREAS, his surgical training was interrupted by the Vietnam War, where he served as a U.S. Army flight surgeon from 1968 to 1970, trading the halls of Baylor for an assault helicopter company. For his bravery and exceptional service, he received the Combat Flight Medal, the Vietnamese Navy Medal, and the Vietnamese Distinguished Service Medal; and

WHEREAS, for five decades, Dr. Frazier has been dedicated to improving the treatment of severe heart failure and advancing heart transplantation and artificial devices that substitute or assist with the pumping action of the human heart; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 1970s and 1980s, Dr. Frazier conducted experimental work toward developing an implantable LVAD. In 2011, he implanted the first successful continuous-flow total artificial heart by using two second-generation HeartMate II LVADs to replace a patient’s failing heart; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Frazier has performed over 1,200 heart transplants and implanted more than 900 left ventricular assist devices, more than any other surgeon in the world. As a result of his work, Dr. Frazier is one of the world’s top transplantation and mechanical circulatory support surgeons; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Frazier served on the NIH National Heart Lung and Blood Institute Advisory Committee and chaired the original committee that initiated the first federal allocation system to distribute hearts for transplantation; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Frazier is a true living legend and is celebrated for his contributions to the field of mechanical circulatory support and pioneering treatments for patients suffering from heart failure; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Frazier’s impact on patients and the specialty is immeasurable, and his dedication to improving patient outcomes and advancing medical technology exemplifies the spirit of American Society for Artificial Internal Organs (ASAIO); and

WHEREAS, the City of Stephenville congratulates Dr. O.H. Frazier on receiving the inaugural Pushpa and Kewal Krishan Gupta Lifetime Achievement Award in Development of Therapies for Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Diseases from the ASAIO;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Doug Svien, Mayor of the City of Stephenville, do hereby issue this Proclamation recognizing the work and lifetime achievements of

DR. O.H. “BUD” FRAZIER

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereby set my hand and caused to be affixed the seal of the City of Stephenville, Texas, this 4th day of June 2024.

Doug Svien, Mayor