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H.R. No. 686

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas House of Representatives is proud to
2 recognize Dr. Johann Deisenhofer, regental professor of
3 biochemistry and Howard Hughes Medical Institute investigator at
4 The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, for
5 his many contributions to medical research and education; and

6 WHEREAS, A recipient of the Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 1988,
7 Dr. Deisenhofer used X-rays on crystals of proteins to reveal the
8 process of photosynthesis, which is described by the Royal Swedish
9 Academy of Sciences as the most important chemical reaction on
10 Earth; and

11 WHEREAS, This invaluable discovery led to a more accurate
12 understanding of the structure of proteins essential to life,
13 benefiting the field of medicine and patients throughout the world;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, A dedicated professor and research leader at
16 Southwestern Medical Center for 15 years, Dr. Deisenhofer has
17 contributed to a greater understanding of medical science and to
18 the teaching of science in Texas; and

19 WHEREAS, The people of the State of Texas are fortunate to
20 have such a gifted scientist as Dr. Deisenhofer as a part of The
21 University of Texas System during the past 15 years; now,
22 therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
24 Legislature hereby honor Dr. Johann Deisenhofer for his important

1 contributions to medical and scientific education and to the
2 furtherance of biomedical understanding and discovery and extend to
3 him best wishes for success in his future endeavors; and, be it
4 further

5 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
6 prepared for Dr. Deisenhofer as an expression of high regard by the
7 Texas House of Representatives.