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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Pulitzer Prize, one of the most prestigious
2 literary awards in the United States, was bestowed on Dr. David M.
3 Oshinsky of Austin for his book, *Polio: An American Story*; and

4 WHEREAS, In winning the 2006 Pulitzer in the history
5 category, Dr. Oshinsky has distinguished himself as one of the
6 leading historians of modern American culture; moreover, he has
7 brought honor to The University of Texas at Austin, where he is the
8 George Littlefield Professor of American History; and

9 WHEREAS, A graduate of Cornell University, where he received
10 his bachelor's and master's degrees, and Brandeis University, where
11 he was awarded a Ph.D. in 1971, Dr. Oshinsky was a professor at
12 Rutgers University for 30 years before joining the faculty at The
13 University of Texas in 2001; and

14 WHEREAS, In writing *Polio: An American Story*, Dr. Oshinsky
15 has created an insightful analysis of the nation's fight against
16 this dreaded disease; his vivid account chronicles the immense fear
17 and suffering caused by polio and details the successful search for
18 a vaccine to prevent it; and

19 WHEREAS, *Polio: An American Story* is one of several highly
20 respected works written by this renowned historian; his
21 considerable skills as a researcher and writer are also evident in *A*
22 *Conspiracy So Immense: The World of Joe McCarthy*, which won the
23 Hardeman Prize as the best book about the United States Congress,
24 and *Worse Than Slavery: Parchman Farm and the Ordeal of Jim Crow*

1 *Justice*, winner of the Robert F. Kennedy Book Award; in addition, he
2 is a coauthor of *American Passages: A History of the United States*
3 and a coeditor of *The Oxford Companion to United States History*; and

4 WHEREAS, Winning the Pulitzer Prize is truly an extraordinary
5 accomplishment, and with his compelling historical account of the
6 race to find a cure for polio, Dr. Oshinsky has greatly contributed
7 to the rich tradition of letters in the Lone Star State; now,
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
10 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby congratulate Dr. David M.
11 Oshinsky on winning the 2006 Pulitzer Prize in the history category
12 and extend to him warmest best wishes for continued success; and, be
13 it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for Dr. Oshinsky as an expression of high regard by the
16 Texas House of Representatives.