

1 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Eric R. Bittner, associate professor of theoretical
3 chemistry in the Department of Chemistry in the College of Natural
4 Sciences and Mathematics at the University of Houston, is one of two
5 chemists in the United States and Canada and the only chemist from
6 the State of Texas to be named a 2007 Fellow by the John Simon
7 Guggenheim Memorial Foundation; and

8 WHEREAS, Eric Bittner earned a bachelor of science degree
9 with high honors and honors work in chemistry and physics from
10 Valparaiso University in 1988 and a doctoral degree in chemistry
11 from The University of Chicago in 1994; and

12 WHEREAS, He was a National Science Foundation Postdoctoral
13 Fellow at The University of Texas at Austin from 1994 to 1996, a
14 Visiting Scholar at Stanford University from 1996 to 1997, and a
15 member of the Visiting Faculty at the Center for Non-Linear Studies
16 at Los Alamos National Laboratory during the summer of 2001; and

17 WHEREAS, Professor Bittner has been on the faculty of the
18 University of Houston since 1997, when he received his appointment
19 as an assistant professor of theoretical chemistry; he was promoted
20 to associate professor of theoretical chemistry in 2003, which is
21 the rank he holds today; and

22 WHEREAS, Before becoming a John Simon Guggenheim Fellow in
23 2007, he received the Elizabeth A. Norris Award for Excellence in
24 Graduate Research from The University of Chicago in 1994, the

1 National Science Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship in Chemistry,
2 1995 through 1997, the National Science Foundation CAREER Award in
3 1999, and the Wiley-International Journal of Quantum Chemistry
4 Young Investigator Award in 2003; and

5 WHEREAS, Eric Bittner's outstanding research on the dynamics
6 of molecules in their excited states earned him the honor of his
7 Guggenheim Fellowship and placed him among an illustrious group of
8 Guggenheim Fellows that includes recipients of the Nobel Prize, the
9 Pulitzer Prize, and other awards of high and great distinction;
10 now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the 80th Legislature of the State of Texas
12 hereby congratulate Professor Eric R. Bittner on his selection as a
13 2007 Fellow by the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation and
14 commend him for bringing pride and prestige to the University of
15 Houston and to the people of Texas; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be prepared for Eric
17 R. Bittner as an expression of high regard from the Texas
18 Legislature.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 73 was adopted by the Senate on May 8, 2007.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 73 was adopted by the House on May 14, 2007.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor