

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 665

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Dr. Michael Brown, who has been selected by Research!America as one of three recipients of its first Builders of Science Award; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Brown is regental professor of The University of Texas System and directs the Erik Jonsson Center for Research in Molecular Genetics and Human Disease at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center; he holds the W.A. (Monty) Moncrief Distinguished chair in Cholesterol and Arteriosclerosis Research and the Paul J. Thomas Chair in Medicine; and

WHEREAS, He shared the 1985 Nobel Prize with his colleague, Dr. Joseph Goldstein; they were awarded the Nobel Prize for their discovery of the underlying mechanisms of cholesterol metabolism; their findings led to the development of statin drugs, the cholesterol-lowering compounds that are now among the most widely prescribed medications in the world; and

WHEREAS, Research!America is the nation's largest nonprofit public education and advocacy alliance; its mission is to make health research a higher national priority, and its awards are given to individuals and organizations that advance that mission; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Brown received Research!America's Builders of Science Award along with Dr. Joseph Goldstein and Dr. Donald Seldin; they were honored for the roles they have played in building The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center into the world-class research facility it is today; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby commend Dr. Michael Brown for his outstanding achievements and congratulate him on receiving the Research!America Builders of Science Award; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 10, 2007.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate