

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Dr. Chandice Covington of Lubbock was appointed the  
2 Florence Thelma Hall Endowed Chair for Nursing Excellence in  
3 Women's Health at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center  
4 on March 3, 2009; and

5           WHEREAS, A native of Beaumont, Dr. Covington holds a master's  
6 degree in nursing from The University of Texas Medical Branch at  
7 Galveston and a doctoral degree from the University of Michigan;  
8 she is a pediatric nurse practitioner who most recently served as  
9 dean of the College of Nursing at the University of North Dakota;  
10 and

11           WHEREAS, The Florence Thelma Hall Endowed Chair, which was  
12 made possible by Marie Hall and other donors in memory of Ms. Hall's  
13 mother, is based at the Anita Thigpen Perry School of Nursing in  
14 Lubbock and collaborates with the Laura W. Bush Institute of  
15 Women's Health on research endeavors; Dr. Covington is the first  
16 Perry School of Nursing faculty member to be appointed to a chair  
17 position within a Texas Tech health sciences institute and the  
18 first to receive a joint appointment with the School of Medicine;  
19 and

20           WHEREAS, This esteemed health care professional will serve as  
21 a clinician, educator, and researcher; specializing in women's  
22 health and rural health issues, she plans to focus her research on  
23 breast and cervical cancer prevention, as well as on the prevention  
24 of breast milk transmission of HIV in Kenya; she will also study how

1 sleep loss affects women's metabolism, depression, and cognitive  
2 ability; and

3 WHEREAS, Chandice Covington has long demonstrated an  
4 outstanding commitment to women's health, and the Texas Tech  
5 University Health Sciences Center is indeed fortunate to count her  
6 among its roster of exceptional faculty; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
8 Legislature hereby congratulate Chandice Covington on her  
9 appointment as the Florence Thelma Hall Endowed Chair for Nursing  
10 Excellence in Women's Health and extend to her sincere best wishes  
11 for continued success with her important work; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 1052

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1052 was adopted by the House on April 9, 2009, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House