

By: Anchia

H.R. No. 2060

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center  
2 at Dallas continues to excel at its mission of conducting  
3 internationally recognized research, educating leaders in the  
4 health field, and delivering quality medical care; and

5           WHEREAS, This renowned medical center comprises three  
6 degree-granting institutions: the Graduate School of Biomedical  
7 Sciences, the Medical School, and the School of Health Professions;  
8 and

9           WHEREAS, The UT Southwestern Medical Center boasts a long  
10 history of discoveries that have changed the way the world thinks  
11 about the most challenging and devastating diseases and that have  
12 resulted in important improvements in treatment and outcomes; these  
13 discoveries have led to an unprecedented number of coveted national  
14 and international honors for UT Southwestern faculty, including  
15 election to membership in our nation's most prestigious medical  
16 research organizations; and

17           WHEREAS, One measure of the esteem in which the faculty is  
18 held is the fact that it includes 95 percent of all men and women at  
19 state health-related institutions in Texas who have been accorded  
20 membership in the National Academy of Sciences, one of the highest  
21 honors attainable by an American scientist; with the recent  
22 election of Dr. Luis F. Parada, an expert in nerve growth and  
23 regeneration, to membership in the NAS and with the recruitment of  
24 another NAS member, Dr. Bruce Alan Beutler, an expert in medical

1 genetics and immunology, the UT Southwestern faculty now includes  
2 20 individuals who have been inducted into the academy; and

3 WHEREAS, The UT Southwestern Medical Center is also home to  
4 100 percent of all scientists based at state health-related  
5 institutions in Texas who currently hold appointment as an  
6 investigator with the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, a coveted  
7 honor that brings many millions of dollars in private grant funding  
8 to Texas; moreover, four researchers at the medical center have won  
9 the Nobel Prize, and three of its Nobel Laureates are still active  
10 members of the faculty; and

11 WHEREAS, Through its own hospitals and through associated  
12 health care facilities, UT Southwestern delivers patient care that  
13 is among the best in the nation; *U.S. News and World Report*  
14 recently ranked the medical center number one among hospitals in  
15 the Dallas-Fort Worth area; the faculty and residents of the center  
16 care for nearly 100,000 hospitalized patients and oversee  
17 approximately 1.9 million outpatient visits each year, and faculty  
18 physicians annually provide \$427 million in unreimbursed services  
19 to indigent patients, more than is provided by any other  
20 health-related institution in the state; and

21 WHEREAS, UT Southwestern also plays an important role in the  
22 region's economy, employing 11,000 area residents, managing an  
23 annual operating budget of nearly \$1.5 billion, and bringing to  
24 Texas \$415 million in external research grants annually; and

25 WHEREAS, Dedicated to improving health care through  
26 research, innovation, and education, The University of Texas  
27 Southwestern Medical Center is developing the next generation of

1 lifesaving treatments and health care professionals, and it is  
2 indeed deserving of commendation for its extraordinary record of  
3 achievement; now, therefore, be it

4         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
5 Legislature hereby honor The University of Texas Southwestern  
6 Medical Center at Dallas for its distinguished contributions in  
7 research, education, and health care and extend to all those  
8 associated with the institution sincere best wishes for continued  
9 success; and, be it further

10         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
11 prepared for the UT Southwestern Medical Center as an expression of  
12 high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.