

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Dr. Michael Douglas has been selected to serve as  
2 the executive director of the Texas Life-Sciences Collaboration  
3 Center in Georgetown; and

4           WHEREAS, A veteran scientist with experience in academia and  
5 the pharmaceutical industry, Dr. Douglas laid the foundation for  
6 his career at Southwestern University, where he earned degrees in  
7 chemistry and biology before receiving his doctorate in  
8 biochemistry and molecular biology from Saint Louis University; and

9           WHEREAS, Following graduation, Dr. Douglas joined the  
10 faculties at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in  
11 Dallas and the UT Health Science Center in San Antonio; relocating  
12 to the East Coast later on, he served as the chair of the Department  
13 of Biochemistry and Biophysics at the University of North Carolina  
14 School of Medicine; and

15           WHEREAS, Returning to St. Louis, Dr. Douglas transitioned to  
16 the private sector to become the CEO of Sigma Diagnostics, held high  
17 positions with two other pharmaceutical companies there, then  
18 rejoined the academic world in 2002 as associate vice chancellor  
19 for research and director of the Office of Technology Management at  
20 Washington University; in 2006, Dr. Douglas was named the director  
21 of UAMS BioVentures, a life science business incubator affiliated  
22 with the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences; and

23           WHEREAS, This distinguished microbiologist has advanced the  
24 knowledge of his chosen profession by publishing nearly 100

1 scientific papers, and he holds two patents for discovering new  
2 ways to use a compound in biopharmaceutical compositions; Dr.  
3 Douglas is also helping Southwestern create a master's degree  
4 program in translational medicine; and

5 WHEREAS, Highly respected by his peers, he has served on the  
6 board of directors of numerous biotechnology firms, including  
7 Novactyl, Inc., U.S. Canadian Biofuels, and Agri Energy Limited;  
8 Dr. Douglas has also lent his considerable expertise to the boards  
9 of the Central Arkansas Biotechnology Park Authority, the Academy  
10 of Science of St. Louis, the Center for Emerging Technologies, the  
11 Saint Louis University Parks College of Engineering, Aviation, and  
12 Technology, and Southwestern University; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Michael Douglas brings an impressive record of  
14 experience and achievements to his new position, and he will  
15 undoubtedly inspire his colleagues and business collaborators with  
16 his exceptional leadership skills and commitment to scientific  
17 achievement; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
19 Legislature hereby congratulate Dr. Michael Douglas on being named  
20 executive director of the Texas Life-Sciences Collaboration Center  
21 and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be  
22 it further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
24 prepared for Dr. Douglas as an expression of high regard by the  
25 Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 1816

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1816 was adopted by the House on May 8, 2013, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House