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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.