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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, May 2013 has been designated as Brain Tumor
2 Awareness Month, and this occasion provides a fitting opportunity
3 to honor The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center and its
4 president, Dr. Ronald A. DePinho, as well as Doctors Charles A.
5 Conrad, Jeffrey S. Weinberg, and Susan McGovern, whose skill and
6 dedication have immeasurably aided countless people in the fight
7 against cancer; and

8 WHEREAS, Founded in 1941 as part of The University of Texas
9 System, the MD Anderson Center is one of the world's most respected
10 institutions devoted exclusively to cancer research, education,
11 prevention, and patient care; in 2012, the center was ranked as the
12 nation's best hospital for cancer care in *U.S. News & World*
13 *Report's* "Best Hospitals" survey, and it has been rated in the top
14 two every year since the survey's inception in 1990; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Ronald DePinho, an internationally recognized
16 former professor of medicine and genetics at Harvard Medical
17 School, became president of MD Anderson in 2011, having served as
18 the founding director of the Belfer Institute for Applied Cancer
19 Science at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute; he graduated as the
20 salutatorian of his class at Fordham University and earned his
21 medical degree with distinction in microbiology and immunology from
22 the Albert Einstein College of Medicine; today, he focuses his
23 research program on the molecular underpinnings of cancer, aging,
24 and degenerative disorders; and

1 WHEREAS, A former member of the board of the American
2 Association for Cancer Research, Dr. DePinho has served on a number
3 of advisory boards in the public and private sectors and co-chaired
4 advisory boards for the Cancer Genome Atlas project and the
5 National Cancer Institute Mouse Models of Human Cancers Consortium;
6 his myriad accolades include the March of Dimes Basil O'Connor
7 Starter Scholar Research Award and the James S. McDonnell Scholar
8 Award, and he was elected a member of the American Academy of Arts
9 and Sciences in 2010; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Charles Conrad, a graduate of The University of
11 Texas Medical School at Houston, joined the staff of MD Anderson in
12 1992 as a clinical fellow in neuro-oncology; he became director of
13 clinical operations in the Department of Neuro-Oncology in 2009,
14 and he also serves in the Department of Experimental Therapeutics;
15 the author of nearly 70 peer-reviewed publications, he divides his
16 time between active patient care and laboratory investigations and
17 has participated in numerous clinical trials; his many honors
18 include the Waun Ki Hong Award for Excellence in Team Science; and

19 WHEREAS, Dr. Jeffrey Weinberg is director of training in the
20 Department of Neurosurgery; he is also the director of Brainsuite,
21 an intraoperative MRI research group, and he is known for his
22 particular expertise in primary and metastatic brain tumors,
23 stereotactic radiosurgery, spinal cord tumors, intraoperative
24 delivery of anticancer agents, and pediatric brain tumors;
25 moreover, he is rotation program director for the neurosurgical
26 residency programs at Baylor College of Medicine and The University
27 of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston; he has received the

1 Achievement Award in Science from the International Biographical
2 Centre in Cambridge, England, among a host of accolades, and he has
3 published more than 50 manuscripts in peer-reviewed journals, as
4 well as 8 book chapters; before moving to Houston, he was chief
5 neurosurgery resident for New York University Langone Medical
6 Center, Bellevue Hospital, and Veterans Affairs Hospitals in New
7 York City; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Susan McGovern is an assistant professor in the
9 Department of Radiation Oncology in the CNS/Pediatrics section;
10 currently, she focuses on pediatric radiation oncology, and she is
11 especially engaged in developing dose-volume constraints for
12 re-irradiation of pediatric brain tumors; a graduate of the
13 University of Notre Dame, she earned both her medical degree and a
14 doctorate through the Northwestern University Medical Scientist
15 Training Program; she went on to complete a transitional internship
16 and residency in radiation oncology at MD Anderson, followed by a
17 postdoctoral fellowship at Baylor College of Medicine; and

18 WHEREAS, During Brain Tumor Awareness Month, we celebrate the
19 accomplishments of those who work tirelessly to advance scientific
20 knowledge and deliver the highest quality of medical care to cancer
21 patients, and the MD Anderson Cancer Center has improved the lives
22 of hundreds of thousands of people through the efforts of such
23 distinguished professionals as Dr. DePinho, Dr. Conrad, Dr.
24 Weinberg, and Dr. McGovern; now, therefore, be it

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
26 Legislature hereby recognize May 2013 as Brain Tumor Awareness
27 Month and honor Dr. Ronald A. DePinho, Dr. Charles A. Conrad, Dr.

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1 Jeffrey S. Weinberg, Dr. Susan McGovern, and the entire staff of The
2 University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center for their exceptional
3 work to treat and prevent brain cancer.