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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Throughout its long and impressive history, The
2 University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center has stood at the
3 forefront of important medical research that has changed the way
4 the world thinks about the most challenging and devastating
5 diseases and that has resulted in revolutionary new treatments and
6 outcomes; and

7 WHEREAS, Recognized as highly significant to the medical
8 community, these discoveries have led to an unprecedented number of
9 national and international peer-reviewed honors for UT
10 Southwestern faculty, including election to some of our nation's
11 most prestigious medical research organizations; and

12 WHEREAS, UT Southwestern faculty boast a level of achievement
13 that is unique in the State of Texas; the institution is now home to
14 95 percent of all scientists at state health-related institutions
15 who have been elected to the National Academy of Sciences, regarded
16 as the "hall of fame" for U.S. researchers, and 100 percent of those
17 selected as investigators of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, a
18 coveted honor that brings in many millions in private grant
19 funding; moreover, all five Nobel laureates at statewide
20 health-related institutions, including four laureates who are
21 active, are affiliated with UT Southwestern; and

22 WHEREAS, Adding to this highly distinguished roster, UT
23 Southwestern is pleased to announce the election of another of its
24 faculty members to the National Academy of Sciences, Dr. Beth

1 Levine; an expert in autophagy, she identified the first known gene
2 responsible for the cellular process by which cells devour their
3 own damaged or unneeded components, a function that is critical for
4 protection against many cancers and viral and bacterial infections;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, The mission of UT Southwestern Medical Center and
7 its renowned faculty is to deliver quality medical care that brings
8 scientific advances to the bedside, to conduct high-impact,
9 internationally recognized research, and to educate leaders in
10 biomedical science, patient care, and disease prevention;
11 acknowledging research as the cornerstone on which world-class
12 health education and patient care are built, UT Southwestern
13 annually secures more than \$415 million for cutting-edge medical
14 studies; and

15 WHEREAS, UT Southwestern, the sixth-largest medical school
16 in the United States, educates more than 930 medical students and
17 over 1,600 residents; it ranks as the nation's fourth-largest
18 graduate medical education program and the single largest in the
19 state, training nearly one in four doctors at all statewide
20 health-related institutions; in addition, its faculty educate over
21 1,800 graduate students and Fellows as part of the largest
22 biomedical sciences graduate program in Texas, thereby
23 contributing promising scientific minds to our state and nation;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, Serving the health care needs of their community,
26 the faculty and residents of UT Southwestern care for more than
27 100,000 hospitalized patients and conduct nearly 2.1 million

1 outpatient visits each year; the medical center also plays an
2 important role in the regional economy, with approximately 12,000
3 employees and an annual operating budget of nearly \$1.8 billion;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Dedicated to improving the field of medicine through
6 research, innovation, and education, UT Southwestern Medical
7 Center is developing the next generation of health professionals
8 and the next wave of lifesaving treatments, and it is a privilege to
9 recognize its ongoing commitment to excellence; now, therefore, be
10 it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
12 Legislature hereby honor The University of Texas Southwestern
13 Medical Center on its unique contributions in research and
14 education and extend to all those associated with the institution
15 sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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