

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Fred Farias III of McAllen has been elected
2 president of the Texas Optometric Association for the year 2014;
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4 WHEREAS, A graduate of The University of Texas at Austin and
5 Southern College of Optometry, Dr. Farias has owned and operated
6 20/20 Vision Care for 25 years; over the course of his career, he
7 has played an active role in professional organizations at the
8 local, state, and national levels; he is a fellow of the American
9 Optometric Association and state coordinator of the AOA
10 Foundation's Vision USA Committee, which works to provide
11 low-income, uninsured individuals and their families with free eye
12 health and vision care; moreover, he has served as
13 secretary-treasurer and as a member of the executive committee and
14 board of directors of the TOA and as a gubernatorial appointee to
15 the Texas Optometry Board; and

16 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan is the recipient of the AOA
17 Recognition Award and multiple TOA Presidents Awards; in addition
18 to contributing to his profession, he has given back to his
19 community as a member of the board of directors of the Vannie E.
20 Cook Jr. Children's Cancer and Hematology Clinic, the Rio Grande
21 Valley American Cancer Society, and the Rio Grande Valley Arthritis
22 Foundation; and

23 WHEREAS, Dr. Farias has demonstrated outstanding commitment
24 to his work, his colleagues, and his fellow citizens, and the

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1 members of the Texas Optometric Association will indeed benefit
2 from the leadership and dedication he brings to his new post; now,
3 therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
5 Legislature hereby honor the president-elect of the Texas
6 Optometric Association, Dr. Fred Farias III, and extend to him
7 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for Dr. Farias as an expression of high regard by the Texas
10 House of Representatives.

Munoz, Jr.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2392 was adopted by the House on May 21, 2013, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House