

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The University of Texas Medical Branch has made
2 important strides toward conquering the Ebola virus by developing a
3 promising vaccine; and

4 WHEREAS, Scheduled for human trials in the summer of 2015,
5 the vaccine is designed to treat the strain of Ebola that has killed
6 more than 10,000 people in West Africa since December 2013; it is a
7 modified version of a vaccine developed in the previous decade, and
8 it is one of only two being studied in humans; and

9 WHEREAS, The medical branch developed the fast-acting,
10 single-dose vaccine in an interdisciplinary partnership with
11 Profectus BioSciences; researchers conducted nonhuman primate
12 testing in the Galveston National Laboratory, the only fully
13 operational Biosafety Level 4 laboratory on an academic campus in
14 the United States; in April 2015, the results were published in the
15 scientific journal *Nature*; the research is supported by the
16 National Institutes of Health and the UTMB Department of
17 Microbiology and Immunology; and

18 WHEREAS, The findings at UTMB may pave the way for the
19 manufacture of a safer, single-dose, high-efficiency vaccine to
20 combat Ebola outbreaks, potentially saving an untold number of
21 lives; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
23 Legislature hereby honor The University of Texas Medical Branch for
24 its development of a promising Ebola vaccine and extend to all those

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1 associated with this research sincere best wishes for continued
2 success in their important work; and, be it further

3 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
4 prepared for UTMB as an expression of high regard by the Texas House
5 of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2464 was adopted by the House on May 21, 2015, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House