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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. James P. Allison, chair of immunology at The
2 University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, was named the 2015
3 winner of the Lasker-DeBakey Clinical Medical Research Award; and

4 WHEREAS, Presented by the Albert and Mary Lasker Foundation,
5 the Lasker Awards are considered among the most prestigious
6 scientific prizes in the world, and to date, 87 award recipients
7 have gone on to receive the Nobel Prize in their respective fields
8 of endeavor; and

9 WHEREAS, A highly acclaimed leader in cancer immunotherapy,
10 Dr. Jim Allison has conducted research into the biology of T-cells,
11 the white blood cells that play a key role in the body's immune
12 response; his work resulted in his discovery of an antibody that
13 stimulates the immune system to fight back against tumor cells;
14 recognized as a significant therapeutic breakthrough, this
15 achievement was instrumental in the development of the drug
16 Yervoy--the first treatment shown to extend the survival of
17 patients with late-stage, untreatable melanoma; and

18 WHEREAS, Dr. Allison earned his undergraduate and doctoral
19 degrees at The University of Texas at Austin, and he has been
20 affiliated with a number of respected research institutions over
21 the course of his career; since 2012, he has overseen the immunology
22 department at MD Anderson, where his accomplishments have included
23 the establishment of the cancer immunotherapy platform as part of
24 the Moon Shots Program, which brings together scientists and

1 clinicians to pursue new innovations in cancer treatment; he has
2 been honored with numerous professional accolades, including the
3 Science of Oncology Award from the American Society of Clinical
4 Oncology, the Paul Ehrlich and Ludwig Darmstaedter Prize, and the
5 International Award for Cancer Research from the Pezcoller
6 Foundation and American Association for Cancer Research; and

7 WHEREAS, The groundbreaking contributions of Dr. Jim Allison
8 have earned him a place at the forefront of a promising new field of
9 cancer research, and his efforts are inspiring other scientists in
10 the Lone Star State and beyond; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
12 Legislature hereby congratulate Dr. James P. Allison on his receipt
13 of the 2015 Lasker-DeBakey Clinical Medical Research Award and
14 extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success with his
15 important work; and, be it further

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