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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Huda Zoghbi was presented with a Breakthrough
2 Prize in Life Sciences at a ceremony in Mountain View, California,
3 on December 4, 2016; and

4 WHEREAS, This prestigious award honors top scientists from
5 around the world who have made transformative advances toward
6 understanding living systems and extending human life; each prize
7 is accompanied by a check for \$3 million; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Zoghbi is a professor of molecular and human
9 genetics, pediatrics, neurology, and neuroscience at Baylor
10 College of Medicine; she was awarded the Breakthrough Prize for her
11 research into the genetic mutations responsible for Rett syndrome,
12 a rare and serious neurological disorder, and she is now leading
13 studies into other neurological conditions such as Alzheimer's and
14 Parkinson's disease; a Howard Hughes Medical Institute
15 investigator, Dr. Zoghbi holds the Ralph D. Feigin, M.D., Endowed
16 Chair at Baylor and also serves as director of the Jan and Dan
17 Duncan Neurological Research Institute at Texas Children's
18 Hospital; and

19 WHEREAS, Born in Beirut, Lebanon, Dr. Zoghbi attended the
20 American University of Beirut; her studies at the university's
21 medical school were interrupted when the Lebanese civil war broke
22 out; at her parents' behest, she immigrated to Texas and went on to
23 enroll at the Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee,
24 where she earned her medical degree; she subsequently received a

1 postdoctoral fellowship from the Baylor College of Medicine; and

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Huda Zoghbi's groundbreaking insight into the
3 pathogenesis of a rare disease has exciting implications for the
4 field of neuroscience, and her receipt of a Breakthrough Prize
5 reflects the high esteem in which she is held in the international
6 scientific community; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
8 Legislature hereby congratulate Dr. Huda Zoghbi on her receipt of a
9 Breakthrough Prize in Life Sciences and extend to her sincere best
10 wishes for continued success with her important work; and, be it
11 further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for Dr. Zoghbi as an expression of high regard by the Texas
14 House of Representatives.