

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Fred Farias III of McAllen won national
2 recognition in 2016 with his selection as Optometrist of the Year by
3 the American Optometric Association; and

4 WHEREAS, The AOA honored Dr. Farias for his years of service
5 to his patients, his profession, and to the public at large; a
6 graduate of the Southern College of Optometry, he is the CEO of
7 20/20 Vision Care in McAllen, where he is a therapeutic optometrist
8 specializing in glaucoma; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Farias has served as president of the Rio Grande
10 Valley Optometric Society and the Texas Optometric Association,
11 which named him the state's Optometrist of the Year in 2015; he has
12 been an AOA Keyperson for more than two decades and has worked with
13 the association's Federal Legislative Action and Keyperson
14 Committee; Governor Rick Perry appointed him to the Texas Optometry
15 Board from 2001 to 2007, and more recently, Governor Greg Abbott
16 appointed him to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board; and

17 WHEREAS, This caring professional has been the state
18 coordinator for Vision USA, which offers free eye care to
19 low-income individuals, and he has also volunteered with InfantSEE,
20 which provides no-cost eye assessments for infants; he is also a
21 charter member of the Optometry Cares Society, and he has sponsored
22 vision screenings for underserved communities in South Texas; and

23 WHEREAS, For three decades, Dr. Fred Farias has provided
24 expert and compassionate care to his patients and become both a

1 state and national leader in his profession, and he is truly
2 deserving of this prestigious award from his peers; now, therefore,
3 be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
5 Legislature hereby congratulate Dr. Fred Farias III on being named
6 2016 Optometrist of the Year by the American Optometric Association
7 and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be
8 it further

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

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H.R. No. 644

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 644 was adopted by the House on March 9, 2017, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House