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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Cynthia Marie Tapia received the Drs. Giovanni and  
2 Maria Grazia Micci Award for Mentoring Excellence from The  
3 University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston Graduate School of  
4 Biomedical Sciences in 2016; and

5 WHEREAS, A pharmacology and toxicology graduate student at  
6 UTMB, Ms. Tapia earned this prestigious accolade for her invaluable  
7 contributions to the university as a research mentor to her fellow  
8 students; and

9 WHEREAS, Maintaining a grade point average of 3.91, Ms. Tapia  
10 skillfully balances a challenging course load with her work as a  
11 graduate assistant in the laboratory of Dr. Fernanda Laezza, M.D.,  
12 Ph.D., and associate professor in the Department of Pharmacology  
13 and Toxicology at UTMB; Ms. Tapia is a UTMB Presidential Scholar  
14 and a National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences  
15 pre-doctoral fellow, and she has participated in a number of  
16 conferences and presentations and coauthored two published papers  
17 related to her research; in addition, she serves as president of the  
18 Pharmacology and Toxicology Student Organization and as the  
19 specialty's ambassador to the Graduate Student Organization; and

20 WHEREAS, The daughter of Robert and Dalia Tapia, Cynthia  
21 Tapia graduated as valedictorian of the Robstown High School Class  
22 of 2011; she holds a bachelor's degree in biology from St. Edward's  
23 University in Austin, where she was a peer tutor, Hilltop Mentor,  
24 and McNair Scholar; and

1           WHEREAS, Throughout her academic career, this bright young  
2 Texan has demonstrated her commitment to excellence and her desire  
3 to help others achieve scholastic success, and she is indeed  
4 deserving of this most recent honor; now, therefore, be it

5           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
6 Legislature hereby congratulate Cynthia Marie Tapia on her receipt  
7 of the Drs. Giovanni and Maria Grazia Micci Award for Mentoring  
8 Excellence from The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston  
9 Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences and extend to her sincere  
10 best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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