

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, For more than 25 years, the Texas Medical  
2 Association has honored Texas science teachers who have rendered  
3 exemplary service to the youth in their communities through the  
4 Ernest and Sarah Butler Awards for Excellence in Science Teaching;  
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6           WHEREAS, After the idea was first conceived by Dr. Max C.  
7 Butler, the TMA presented its first awards recognizing individuals  
8 who have enhanced the public's understanding and appreciation of  
9 science during its annual session in May 1990; today, the awards are  
10 given to teachers who develop creative methods to cultivate student  
11 interest in medicine and science; and

12           WHEREAS, In 1998, a \$30,000 endowment in support of the  
13 awards program was established through the Texas Medical  
14 Association Foundation by Dr. Ernest Butler and his wife, Sarah  
15 Butler; the couple's cumulative contributions to the foundation in  
16 the years since have totaled more than \$1 million, enabling the TMA  
17 to present 196 awards with a value of over \$408,000 to Texas science  
18 teachers; and

19           WHEREAS, This year, the total value of the awards has  
20 increased to \$60,500, up from \$24,000 in 2016; the honorees include  
21 elementary, middle, and high school teachers, who can use the funds  
22 to enhance their teaching techniques and to advance their school's  
23 science curriculum; and

24           WHEREAS, Science teachers play an essential role in the

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1 development of future physicians, scientists, and researchers, and  
2 the Texas Medical Association is to be commended for encouraging  
3 innovation and excellence in science education; now, therefore, be  
4 it

5         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
6 Legislature hereby recognize the Texas Medical Association for its  
7 Ernest and Sarah Butler Awards for Excellence in Science Teaching  
8 program and extend to the association sincere best wishes for  
9 continued success; and, be it further

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

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1997 was adopted by the House on May 25, 2017, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House