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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;
5 and

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

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.