

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 436

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Dr. Fred Farias III, who has been selected as the 2016 Optometrist of the Year by the American Optometric Association; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Farias is the chief executive officer of 20/20 Vision Care in his hometown of McAllen, Texas; he was selected as the Optometrist of the Year for his years of excellent service to his patients, his many contributions to the American Optometric Association, and his commitment to public service; and

WHEREAS, Since graduating from the Southern College of Optometry, Dr. Farias has been an enthusiastic advocate for his profession; he was president of both the Rio Grande Valley Optometric Society and the Texas Optometric Association, and for more than 20 years, he has been an American Optometric Association keyperson; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his career, Dr. Farias has remained focused on the visual welfare of the public; he has held leadership positions with the Optometry Cares Society and Vision USA, both of which are charitable endeavors of the American Optometric Association Foundation, and he takes great pride in organizing vision screenings for underserved communities in South Texas; and

WHEREAS, A truly distinguished leader in his field, Dr. Farias was appointed to the Texas Optometry Board by former Governor Rick Perry and to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board by Governor Greg Abbott; he represents the highest ideals of professional and charitable service, and he is indeed deserving of recognition for his exceptional accomplishments; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby commend Dr. Fred Farias III for his exemplary work on behalf of his profession and the community and congratulate him on being honored as the 2016 Optometrist of the Year by the American Optometric Association; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 16, 2017.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate