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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Dr. James P. Allison, chair of the department of  
2 immunology at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center in  
3 Houston, was awarded the 2018 Nobel Prize in Physiology or  
4 Medicine; and

5           WHEREAS, A world-renowned scientist and pioneer in cancer  
6 immunotherapy, Dr. Allison received the award jointly with  
7 Japanese immunologist Tasuku Honjo for their independent discovery  
8 of cancer therapies that stimulate the immune system to attack  
9 tumor cells; during Dr. Allison's research of T cells, white blood  
10 cells that regulate a wide range of immune responses, he found that  
11 deactivating the protein CTLA-4 can unleash the body's power to  
12 fight back against malignant tumors; and

13           WHEREAS, Dr. Allison earned his doctoral degree at The  
14 University of Texas at Austin; the executive director of the  
15 Immunotherapy Platform at MD Anderson Cancer Center, he is also the  
16 center's Vivian L. Smith Distinguished Chair in Immunology and the  
17 director of the Parker Institute for Cancer Immunotherapy; among  
18 his myriad honors, he is a member of the National Academies of  
19 Science and Medicine, and he was recognized with the Lasker-Debakey  
20 Clinical Medical Research Award in 2015; and

21           WHEREAS, The groundbreaking contributions of Dr. James  
22 Allison have placed him at the forefront of a promising new field of  
23 cancer research, and his efforts are inspiring other scientists in  
24 the Lone Star State and beyond; now, therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
2 Legislature hereby congratulate Dr. James P. Allison on his receipt  
3 of the 2018 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine and extend to him  
4 sincere best wishes for continued success with his important work;  
5 and, be it further

6           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
7 prepared for Dr. Allison as an expression of high regard by the  
8 Texas House of Representatives.