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H.R. No. 358

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Mike A. Myers, owner and chair of Myers Financial
2 Corporation, was presented with the Santa Rita Award by The
3 University of Texas System Board of Regents on December 12, 2018;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, The highest honor bestowed by the UT Regents, the
6 Santa Rita Award is earned by individuals who have demonstrated
7 concern for the principles of higher education, as well as deep
8 commitment to the furtherance of the purposes and objectives of The
9 University of Texas System; and

10 WHEREAS, A native of the small town of Olney, Mike Myers
11 learned from his parents the value of hard work and the fulfillment
12 that can be found in helping others; after first attending Tarleton
13 State College in Stephenville, he transferred to UT Austin, where
14 he excelled academically while making his first foray into
15 entrepreneurship as the owner of a restaurant and catering
16 business; he received his bachelor's degree in 1959 and his law
17 degree in 1963 before taking his first job in the office of Governor
18 John Connally; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Myers expanded his business interests to
20 encompass community banking, real estate development, and country
21 club ownership, and today he operates Myers Financial Corporation
22 alongside Myers Bancshares, Inc., the holding company of the oldest
23 and largest continually owned independent bank in Tarrant County;
24 he is also a cofounder and majority partner in The University of

1 Texas Golf Club in Austin, which has hosted the UT men's and women's
2 golf teams since 2003; and

3 WHEREAS, Throughout his life, Mr. Myers has been a faithful
4 and dedicated supporter of his alma mater, providing numerous
5 endowments for the McCombs School of Business, the Moody College of
6 Communication, the Colleges of Education, Liberal Arts, and Natural
7 Sciences, the Office of the Provost, and several graduate studies
8 programs; he contributed to the expansion and modernization of the
9 Darrell K. Royal Texas Memorial Stadium, and he and his wife, Sammye
10 Myers, helped establish what is now known as the Mike A. Myers
11 Stadium and Soccer Field; he is cofounder of the Foundation for
12 Texas Excellence Scholars, and he has further served as president
13 of the Longhorn Foundation and as chair of the UT System
14 Chancellor's Council; over the years, he has shared his time,
15 expertise, and resources to benefit other institutions within the
16 UT system, particularly UT Southwestern, which he served with
17 distinction as a trustee of the Southwestern Medical Foundation;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Since forming his charitable foundation at the age
20 of 29, Mr. Myers has made additional contributions in behalf of
21 education and other causes, and he played a notable role in the
22 creation of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board; in 1990,
23 he initiated the Myers-LeCroy Scholars Endowed Scholarship program
24 at the Dallas County Community College District Foundation, and he
25 was also instrumental in instituting the Rising Star Program at
26 DCCCD; moreover, he has donated generously to Parkland Memorial
27 Hospital's Simmons Ambulatory Surgical Center and the "I Stand for

1 Parkland" campaign, for which a sky bridge was dedicated in his
2 honor; and

3 WHEREAS, Other organizations that have benefited from his
4 volunteer involvement include the Dallas Assembly, the Dallas
5 Citizens Council, the Texas Longhorn Education Foundation, and the
6 Cotton Bowl Athletic Association; he currently serves as director
7 of the Texas Interscholastic League Foundation and as a trustee
8 emeritus of the UT Law School Foundation, through which he helped
9 create the Kay Bailey Hutchison Chair in Latin American Law; he was
10 named the DFW Entrepreneur of the Year in 2017 and was inducted into
11 the Texas Business Hall of Fame in 2008; in addition, he has been
12 recognized as a Distinguished Alumnus of UT Austin and as a member
13 of the McCombs School of Business Hall of Fame, and he received UT's
14 coveted Presidential Citation; and

15 WHEREAS, Few alumni can claim such a commendable record of
16 leadership and service to their alma mater as Mike Myers, and this
17 accomplished businessman, philanthropist, and community leader may
18 indeed take well-deserved pride in all that he has achieved; now,
19 therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
21 Legislature hereby congratulate Mike A. Myers on his receipt of a
22 Santa Rita Award from The University of Texas System Board of
23 Regents and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and,
24 be it further

25 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
26 prepared for Mr. Myers as an expression of high regard by the Texas
27 House of Representatives.