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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. G. Ray Callas of Beaumont was presented with the
2 American Medical Association Medal of Valor in November 2018, in
3 recognition of his courageous efforts in the wake of Hurricane
4 Harvey; and

5 WHEREAS, The Category 4 storm made landfall in Southeast
6 Texas on August 25, 2017, bringing winds of 130 miles per hour and
7 inundating the region with more than 60 inches of rain; in the midst
8 of one of the nation's worst-ever flooding events, Dr. Callas
9 worked with hospitals and emergency response teams to secure
10 transportation for struggling patients to medical facilities that
11 could provide the care they needed, and he also volunteered his time
12 for days on end preparing and serving meals to residents who were
13 forced to evacuate their homes; and

14 WHEREAS, An anesthesiologist, Dr. Callas currently serves as
15 president of the Texas Society of Anesthesiologists; he further
16 shares his time and expertise with the Texas Medical Association
17 Board of Trustees, and he previously chaired the TMA's Council on
18 Legislation for two years; an engaged member of his community, he
19 has competed in Dancing with the Stars Beaumont, a fund-raising
20 event for local charities; and

21 WHEREAS, By stepping forward to offer his services at a time
22 of dire need, Dr. G. Ray Callas embodied the virtues of compassion,
23 dedication, and altruism that are fundamental to the medical
24 profession, and he is truly deserving of this prestigious honor;

1 now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
3 Legislature hereby congratulate Dr. G. Ray Callas on his receipt of
4 the American Medical Association's Medal of Valor and extend to him
5 sincere best wishes for continued success with his important work;
6 and, be it further

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