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H.R. No. 160

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Bill Gruber has contributed significantly to
2 the development of lifesaving COVID-19 vaccines, and he is indeed
3 deserving of special recognition; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Gruber graduated from Rice University in 1975
5 and completed his medical education at Baylor College of Medicine,
6 where he served as chief resident in pediatrics; he later joined the
7 faculty of the Vanderbilt University School of Medicine and
8 directed the Diagnostic Virology Laboratory at Vanderbilt
9 University Hospital; in 1999, he became vice president of clinical
10 vaccine research at Wyeth, and he is currently senior vice
11 president of vaccine clinical research and development at Pfizer,
12 which acquired Wyeth in 2009; and

13 WHEREAS, During the race to develop COVID-19 vaccines,
14 Dr. Gruber frequently collaborated with his longtime friend and
15 former colleague, Dr. Barney Graham, who is deputy director of the
16 Vaccine Research Center at the National Institute of Allergy and
17 Infectious Diseases; Dr. Graham's laboratory partnered with
18 Moderna to develop a vaccine using a new, gene-based technology,
19 while Dr. Gruber oversaw a similar project at Pfizer; the two
20 communicated regularly to exchange information, and both vaccines
21 were authorized for use by the Food and Drug Administration in late
22 2020; and

23 WHEREAS, Through his monumental efforts, Bill Gruber has
24 helped alleviate suffering and save the lives of innumerable

1 people, and in so doing, he has earned the deep respect and
2 appreciation of all who are privileged to know him; now, therefore,
3 be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
5 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby honor Dr. Bill Gruber for
6 his contributions to the development of COVID-19 vaccines and
7 extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success in his
8 important work; and, be it further

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