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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Twin sisters LaTonya and LaToya Harris have  
2 accomplished a rare and remarkable feat by graduating at the top of  
3 both their high school and doctoral program classes; and

4           WHEREAS, Demonstrating tremendous intellect and discipline,  
5 LaTonya and LaToya Harris reached the pinnacle of academic success  
6 by taking challenging course loads and consistently excelling in a  
7 wide range of subjects; LaTonya, with a grade point average of 4.58,  
8 was named valedictorian at South Garland High School, while LaToya,  
9 with a GPA of 4.56, was named salutatorian; in an unforgettable  
10 moment for the young women and their class, they took the stage  
11 together to deliver a single address to their fellow graduates, an  
12 act that came as little surprise to those who had observed the  
13 sisters' inseparable bond; and

14           WHEREAS, LaTonya and LaToya subsequently enrolled at The  
15 University of Texas at Austin, where they graduated summa cum laude  
16 from their sport management bachelor's degree program in May 2014  
17 and from their master's degree program in May 2016; the sisters, who  
18 had been members of the National Honor Society and Spanish National  
19 Honor Society in high school, belonged to the Phi Kappa Phi, Phi Eta  
20 Sigma, and Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Societies; both were twice  
21 recognized as University Endowed Presidential Scholars and College  
22 of Education Distinguished Scholars, in addition to being honored  
23 as UT Gateway Scholars; and

24           WHEREAS, After graduating from UT, the Harris sisters opted

1 to study chiropractic medicine at Parker University, with the goal  
2 of becoming partners in their own practice; they obtained master's  
3 degrees in functional nutrition and doctor of chiropractic degrees,  
4 with LaToya earning the title of valedictorian and LaTonya earning  
5 the title of salutatorian of their doctoral program; both young  
6 women acquired clinical experience while studying and treating  
7 patients under the supervision of physicians at clinics in Dallas  
8 and Austin, and they each received a multitude of awards during  
9 their time at Parker University; and

10 WHEREAS, LaTonya and LaToya Harris's commitment to  
11 excellence in their academic pursuits has made them an inspiration  
12 to all who know them, and it is a pleasure to honor them as they  
13 embark on the next exciting chapter of their lives; now, therefore,  
14 be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
16 Legislature hereby congratulate Dr. LaTonya Harris and Dr. LaToya  
17 Harris on their extraordinary achievement of graduating at the top  
18 of their class in high school and in their doctoral program and  
19 extend to them sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it  
20 further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
22 prepared for LaTonya and LaToya Harris as an expression of high  
23 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.