

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 147

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Dr. John Robert "Rob" Hatherill, a distinguished Del Mar College professor and the recipient of a Presidential Award in Excellence in Science, Mathematics, and Engineering Mentoring from the National Science Foundation; and

**WHEREAS**, This award recognizes the nation's most outstanding academic mentors for their superior work in mentoring students in the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics fields and in cultivating the appeal of the professional STEM workforce; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Rob Hatherill is a biology professor in Del Mar College's Natural Sciences Department; an esteemed educator, he is admired by students and faculty for his creative mentoring methods and his mentorship outside the traditional classroom setting; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Hatherill has helped bring an array of learning and internship opportunities to aspiring scientists at Del Mar College; through his guidance, the institution became one of the first community colleges to be accepted into the Howard Hughes Medical Institute Science Education Alliance Phage Hunters program; this program allows students to contribute to professional scientific databases and to gain first-hand experience in discovery-based research; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Hatherill is one of only two Texas educators to be selected for the 2020 Presidential Award in Excellence in the Science, Mathematics, and Engineering Mentoring category; he is indeed deserving of recognition for his many achievements and for promoting a culture of scientific excellence at Del Mar College; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 87th Legislature, hereby commend Dr. John Robert Hatherill on his outstanding leadership in science education and his exceptional contributions to the Natural Sciences Department at Del Mar College; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the  
above Resolution was adopted by  
the Senate on March 17, 2021.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate