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H.R. No. 46

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Sharron Forest, director of the Doctor of  
2 Nursing Practice program at The University of Texas Medical Branch  
3 at Galveston, has received a 2023 Regents' Outstanding Teaching  
4 Award from The University of Texas System Board of Regents; and

5 WHEREAS, Established in 2008, this prestigious accolade  
6 recognizes individuals who have demonstrated extraordinary  
7 classroom performance and innovation in undergraduate instruction;  
8 each recipient is given a \$25,000 cash award in appreciation of  
9 their contributions to the students and institutions they serve;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Forest holds the Will Bivins Singleton  
12 Professorship in Pediatric Nursing at UTMB; she has worked in the  
13 field of neonatal critical care nursing for more than three  
14 decades, including over 25 years as a neonatal nurse practitioner;  
15 as director of the DNP program at UTMB's School of Nursing, she  
16 focuses her research and grant activities on education and health  
17 care improvement, and her grant-funded projects have included  
18 initiatives to address tobacco use among youth and mothers, to  
19 prepare nurse practitioner students to care for underserved  
20 populations, and to facilitate collaboration between DNP and Ph.D.  
21 programs; and

22 WHEREAS, This highly respected educator received a  
23 bachelor's degree in nursing from McNeese State University and a  
24 bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from Louisiana State

1 University, before obtaining both her DNP and her master's degree  
2 in nursing from The University of Texas Health Science Center at  
3 Houston; she is a recipient of a Novice Faculty Didactic Teaching  
4 Award from the American Association of Colleges of Nursing, in  
5 addition to such accolades as the Outstanding DNP Faculty Award and  
6 the Good Samaritan Foundation's Excellence in Nursing Gold Medal  
7 Award; and

8         WHEREAS, Dr. Sharron Forest's dedication and expertise have  
9 benefited countless students and earned her the lasting respect and  
10 admiration of her colleagues, and she is truly deserving of this  
11 notable honor; now, therefore, be it

12         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
13 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby congratulate Dr. Sharron  
14 Forest on her receipt of a 2023 Outstanding Teaching Award from The  
15 University of Texas System Board of Regents and extend to her  
16 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

17         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
18 prepared for Dr. Forest as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
19 House of Representatives.