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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Richard M. Peterson of The University of Texas
2 Health Science Center at San Antonio has been elected the 39th
3 president of the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric
4 Surgery; and

5 WHEREAS, ASMBS is the nation's largest professional
6 organization of metabolic and bariatric surgeons and integrated
7 health professionals focused on obesity treatment; Dr. Peterson
8 has been involved in the group for nearly two decades, and he has
9 been a member of its board since 2019; over the years, he has
10 chaired the program, public education, and communications
11 committees, and he has distinguished himself as a contributing
12 author to the accreditation standards for bariatric surgery; he
13 also serves as social media editor for the organization's official
14 journal, *Surgery for Obesity and Related Diseases*; in addition, he
15 co-chairs the Standards and Verification Advisory Council of the
16 American College of Surgeons' Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery
17 Accreditation and Quality Improvement Program; and

18 WHEREAS, Dr. Peterson is currently the chief bariatric and
19 metabolic surgery director at UT Health San Antonio, where he also
20 serves as a professor and the assistant director of surgery student
21 clerkship, and he oversees CHRISTUS Weight Loss Institute in
22 Westover Hills as medical director; a respected leader in his
23 field, he is a past president of the Texas Association for Bariatric
24 Surgery; he holds a bachelor's degree in biology from the

1 University of California, Riverside, a master's degree in public
2 health from East Stroudsburg University in Pennsylvania, and a
3 doctoral degree from the American University of the Caribbean
4 School of Medicine; he completed his residency at Saint Agnes
5 Hospital in Baltimore and his fellowship in advanced laparoscopic
6 and bariatric surgery at the University of Southern California; and

7 WHEREAS, A veteran of the U.S. Air Force, Dr. Peterson served
8 two combat tours of duty and attained the rank of major; during his
9 military career, he led the expansion of the largest U.S.
10 Department of Defense bariatric surgery program at the air force's
11 military flagship hospital, where he established the DOD's first
12 laparoscopic surgery fellowship; his honors include the
13 Meritorious Service Medal and two Air Force Commendation Medals;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, The dedication, expertise, and commitment to
16 excellence demonstrated by Dr. Richard Peterson make him an
17 invaluable asset to ASMBS, and he may reflect with pride on his many
18 achievements; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature, 1st
20 Called Session, hereby congratulate Dr. Richard M. Peterson on his
21 election as president of the American Society for Metabolic and
22 Bariatric Surgery and extend to him sincere best wishes for
23 continued success; and, be it further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
25 prepared for Dr. Peterson as an expression of high regard by the
26 Texas Senate.