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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Debra Patt has received the Physician Advocacy
2 Champion Award from the U.S. Oncology Network; and

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Patt is a medical oncologist and breast cancer
4 specialist at Texas Oncology, where she also serves as the
5 executive vice president of policy and strategic initiatives; in
6 her clinical practice, she conducts breast cancer research, and she
7 also has created a variety of innovative health care informatics
8 tools, including a mechanism that allows patients to communicate
9 real-time symptoms to their care team; and

10 WHEREAS, The president of the Community Oncology Alliance,
11 Dr. Patt has played an instrumental role in raising awareness about
12 such critical issues as prior authorization hurdles as well as the
13 need for pharmacy benefit manager reform and sustainable
14 reimbursement models; she has utilized her vast clinical expertise
15 to bridge the gap between medicine and policy, having testified
16 before the United States Congress on a number of occasions; in
17 addition, she has chaired both the council on legislation and the
18 cancer committee for the Texas Medical Association; and

19 WHEREAS, Dr. Patt further acts as a leader in her
20 professional community through her service on the board of
21 directors and the artificial intelligence task force of the
22 American Society of Clinical Oncology; she has also served as the
23 inaugural editor-in-chief of *JCO Clinical Cancer Informatics*, and
24 she has mentored many young physicians; she has received numerous

1 accolades in recognition of her contributions, including the ASCO
2 Conquer Cancer Young Investigator Award and Fellow of the Year in
3 research from The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center;
4 she was also recognized as one of Austin's Top Doctors in oncology
5 and hematology by *Austin Monthly* in 2021; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Patt holds a bachelor's degree in zoology from
7 The University of Texas at Austin as well as master's degrees in
8 public health from The University of Texas Health Science Center at
9 Houston and business administration from UT Austin; she earned her
10 medical degree at Baylor College of Medicine, where she went on to
11 complete her residency in internal medicine and pediatrics; she
12 undertook a fellowship in hematology and medical oncology at the UT
13 MD Anderson Cancer Center, and she also received a doctorate in
14 health economics and health services research from the UTHealth
15 Houston School of Public Health; moreover, she gained additional
16 experience through the Cancer Prevention Fellowship Program at the
17 National Cancer Institute; and

18 WHEREAS, Over the course of her career, Dr. Patt has
19 tirelessly advocated for the improvement of patient care while
20 conducting research vital to the advancement of the medical field,
21 and it is indeed fitting to honor her for her service to the people
22 of Texas; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
24 Legislature hereby congratulate Dr. Debra Patt on receiving the
25 Physician Advocacy Champion Award from the U.S. Oncology Network
26 and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued success with her
27 important work; and, be it further

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1 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be prepared for
2 Dr. Patt as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of
3 Representatives.