

R E S O L U T I O N

1        WHEREAS, Dr. Jennifer Wargo of The University of Texas MD  
2 Anderson Cancer Center is being presented with the Edith and Peter  
3 O'Donnell Award in Medicine from the Texas Academy of Medicine,  
4 Engineering, Science and Technology in May 2023; and

5        WHEREAS, Established in 2006, the O'Donnell Awards annually  
6 recognize Texas-based researchers who are addressing the essential  
7 role that science and technology play in society, and whose work  
8 meets the highest standards of professional performance,  
9 creativity, and resourcefulness; honorees are selected in five  
10 categories, medicine, engineering, biological sciences, physical  
11 sciences, and technology innovation, and each award includes a  
12 \$25,000 honorarium as well as an invitation to present at TAMEST's  
13 annual conference; and

14       WHEREAS, Dr. Jennifer Wargo is a physician and professor of  
15 surgical oncology and genomic medicine at MD Anderson Cancer  
16 Center, where she leads the Platform for Innovative Microbiome and  
17 Translational Research; she is being recognized with an O'Donnell  
18 Award for her discoveries on the connection between treatment  
19 outcomes and a patient's gut microbiome; and

20       WHEREAS, An alumna of Gwynedd Mercy University in  
21 Pennsylvania, Dr. Wargo pursued her medical studies at the Medical  
22 College of Pennsylvania and Harvard University; in 2008, she joined  
23 the faculty of Massachusetts General Hospital, where she  
24 established a translational research laboratory with a focus on

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1 better understanding response and resistance to treatment for  
2 melanoma, pancreatic cancer, and other types of cancer; she was  
3 recruited to MD Anderson Cancer Center in 2013 to help lead its  
4 Melanoma Moon Shot program; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Jennifer Wargo's important research efforts  
6 have made a lasting, positive impact in her field, and she is truly  
7 deserving of this prestigious honor; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
9 Legislature hereby congratulate Dr. Jennifer Wargo on her receipt  
10 of the Edith and Peter O'Donnell Award in Medicine from the Texas  
11 Academy of Medicine, Engineering, Science and Technology and extend  
12 to her sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
14 prepared for Dr. Wargo as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
15 House of Representatives.

A. Johnson of Harris

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 539 was adopted by the House on March 30, 2023, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House