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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Cesar Maldonado has made significant
2 contributions to higher education and workforce development as
3 chancellor of Houston Community College; and

4 WHEREAS, Named chancellor of the six-college system in 2014,
5 Dr. Maldonado has fostered an inclusive, supportive culture for
6 students and staff while boosting academic achievement through
7 innovative programs; his restructuring of HCC has increased the
8 number of graduates by over 12 percent per year, and the scholastic
9 performance of first-year students has improved markedly; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Maldonado has established academic partnerships
11 that allow students to transition seamlessly to specified four-year
12 programs at such institutions as Texas A&M University, The
13 University of Texas at Tyler, and Stephen F. Austin State
14 University; in addition, he has developed partnerships with local
15 industries to open pathways for students eager to enter the
16 workforce after obtaining an associate's degree or certificate; and

17 WHEREAS, Aply steering the institution through such
18 challenges as Hurricane Harvey and the COVID-19 pandemic,
19 Dr. Maldonado has focused on fiscal stability, including debt
20 reduction and strengthening of reserves, as a key element of
21 strategic planning; at the same time, he has overseen the expansion
22 of HCC to 19 campuses and facilities; among HCC's 14 new Centers of
23 Excellence are the Challenger Learning Center for Space Science and
24 the Resiliency Operations Center; moreover, HCC has been reaffirmed

1 twice as an Achieving the Dream Leader College, signaling a solid
2 commitment to educational access and quality; and

3 WHEREAS, The recipient of numerous honors, Dr. Maldonado was
4 presented with the Houston Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Chairman's
5 Award; he was also named Most Admired Non-profit CEO by *Houston*
6 *Business Journal*, and he has been elected to the Philosophical
7 Society of Texas, the Texas Tech University Engineering Academy,
8 and the Phi Theta Kappa Texas Hall of Fame for Student Engagement;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Maldonado brought to HCC an unusual breadth of
11 experience; after more than 25 years as a business executive, he
12 served as president of Texas State Technical College and as vice
13 chancellor for institutional effectiveness and commercialization
14 for the TSTC System; he holds bachelor's and master's degrees in
15 chemical engineering from Texas A&M University and a doctorate in
16 systems and engineering management from Texas Tech University; and

17 WHEREAS, Through his adept leadership and commitment to
18 excellence, Cesar Maldonado has greatly advanced the important
19 mission of Houston Community College; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
21 Legislature hereby honor Dr. Cesar Maldonado for his service as
22 chancellor of Houston Community College and extend to him sincere
23 best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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