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H.R. No. 1789

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Dr. Shah Ardalan has greatly distinguished himself  
2 as the founding president of Lone Star College-University Park in  
3 Houston; and

4           WHEREAS, Dr. Ardalan began his career with the Lone Star  
5 College System in 2008, when he was appointed vice chancellor and  
6 CIO; in 2011, he was tasked with overseeing the establishment of the  
7 system's sixth campus and named its chief executive officer; he  
8 took on the role of president of Lone Star College-University Park  
9 in 2012, and under his able leadership, the school has grown to  
10 serve an enrollment of 13,000 students, and it employs more than 100  
11 full-time faculty members and over 400 adjunct professors; in  
12 addition to leading the college, Dr. Ardalan has served as a guest  
13 teacher and lecturer for doctoral classes, supported a wide range  
14 of faculty initiatives, and played an instrumental role in  
15 establishing new workforce and continuing education programs,  
16 degrees, and certificates; and

17           WHEREAS, Dr. Ardalan's previous experience includes his  
18 leadership roles at College of Southern Nevada, San Juan College,  
19 and Prairie View A&M University; moreover, he has served on  
20 numerous boards and committees, such as those for College Board,  
21 the Houston Northwest Chamber of Commerce, Greater Houston  
22 Partnership, the Northwest Harris County chapter of the American  
23 Heart Association, and the Texas Association of Community Colleges;  
24 and

1           WHEREAS, Among his many honors, Dr. Ardalan has been named  
2 Community College President of the Year by SAFE Diversity  
3 Communities, and he has received the Shirley B. Gordon Award from  
4 Phi Theta Kappa as well as the Carl M. Nelson Award from the Texas  
5 Association of Community Colleges; he holds a bachelor's degree in  
6 physics from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, a  
7 master's degree in electrical engineering from North Carolina A&T  
8 State University, and a doctorate of education in community college  
9 leadership from John Roueche Graduate Center at National American  
10 University in Austin; and

11           WHEREAS, Through his visionary leadership and commitment to  
12 excellence, Dr. Shah Ardalan has greatly advanced the important  
13 mission of Lone Star College, and he may indeed reflect with pride  
14 on his many contributions to higher education; now, therefore, be  
15 it

16           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
17 Legislature hereby commend Dr. Shah Ardalan for his exemplary  
18 service as president of Lone Star College-University Park and  
19 extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

20           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
21 prepared for Dr. Ardalan as an expression of high regard by the  
22 Texas House of Representatives.