

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1
2 WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of Texas is pleased to
3 recognize Dr. E. Linda Villarreal on her distinguished service and
4 leadership as president of the Texas Medical Association; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Linda Villarreal served as president of the
6 Texas Medical Association from 2021 to 2022; an invaluable asset to
7 the organization during the COVID-19 pandemic, she guided the
8 administration with diligence and determination in a time of
9 challenges and uncertainty, and her leadership reflected her
10 commitment to the highest ideals of medicine; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Villarreal opened Memorial Medical Clinic in
12 1989 in her hometown of Edinburg, where she has practiced medicine
13 for more than 30 years; trained as an internist, she has fought for
14 improved health care at the Texas-Mexico border, where patients
15 often cannot afford insurance; she has worked tirelessly to support
16 the interests of patients in rural regions experiencing physician
17 shortages and to shed light on such social determinants of health as
18 food insecurity, unemployment, and environmental hazards; and

19 WHEREAS, Throughout her career and her leadership as
20 president of the Texas Medical Association, Dr. Villarreal made
21 many contributions to organized medicine in the Rio Grande Valley
22 and across the state; a vocal protector of medical practitioners
23 and their patients, Dr. Villarreal defended the interests of the
24 medical profession and contributed her efforts to increasing

1 funding for graduate medical education; and

2 WHEREAS, Driven and determined in all of her endeavors,
3 Dr. Villarreal remained undeterred in the pursuit of her childhood
4 dream of becoming a doctor despite many obstacles and great
5 personal sacrifice; she earned her bachelor's degree in pharmacy
6 from The University of Texas at Austin in 1970, and after practicing
7 pharmacology for over a decade, she enrolled in medical school in
8 Tampico, Mexico; after earning her degree, she completed her
9 medical residency in El Paso before returning to Edinburg, where
10 she opened a private practice in internal medicine and joined the
11 staff of Edinburg General Hospital; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Villarreal has served in a range of leadership
13 roles with the Hidalgo-Starr County Medical Society, and she served
14 as the Texas delegate to the American Medical Association; she has
15 held positions with the Texas Medical Association including board,
16 council, and committee roles in addition to her leadership as chair
17 of the board and her service as president of the association; and

18 WHEREAS, A brilliant, compassionate, and widely respected
19 physician, Dr. Villarreal has dedicated her time and energy to
20 saving lives and to faithfully serving the interests of patients
21 and the members of her profession; she is an inspiration to her
22 colleagues and to generations of future doctors, and it is indeed
23 fitting that she receive special recognition on her outstanding
24 leadership and achievements; now, therefore, be it

25 RESOLVED, That the 88th Legislature of the State of Texas
26 hereby commend Dr. E. Linda Villarreal on her exemplary service as
27 president of the Texas Medical Association and on her invaluable

1 contributions to the field of medicine in Texas and extend to her
2 best wishes for the future and for continued success in her
3 endeavours; and, be it further

4 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be prepared for her
5 as an expression of esteem from the Texas Legislature.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 54 was adopted by the Senate
on May 19, 2023.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 54 was adopted by the House
on May 25, 2023.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor