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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Cynthia Teniente-Matson is concluding her
2 tenure as president of Texas A&M University-San Antonio on January
3 16, 2023, drawing to a close more than seven years of exemplary
4 service to the institution; and

5 WHEREAS, The second president in the school's history,
6 Dr. Teniente-Matson took the helm of A&M-San Antonio in 2015 and
7 has guided the university through a period of tremendous growth;
8 during her tenure, enrollment has risen from approximately 4,500
9 students to more than 7,300, and the campus has established the Mays
10 Center for Experiential Learning and Community Engagement, the
11 Cisneros Institute for Emerging Leaders, the Institute of Water
12 Resource Science and Technology, the Cyber Engineering
13 Technology/Cyber Security Research Center, and the Institute for
14 Autism and Related Disorders, among a number of other programs and
15 initiatives; moreover, under her direction, the university
16 achieved the U.S. Department of Education Hispanic Serving
17 Institution designation in 2016 and received the Seal of Excelencia
18 certification in 2021; and

19 WHEREAS, In addition to fulfilling her many professional
20 responsibilities, Dr. Teniente-Matson is chair of the American
21 Association of State Colleges and Universities and serves on the
22 national board of Girl Scouts of the USA; she is also a member of the
23 TIAA Inclusion and Diversity Council and the City of San Antonio
24 Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women; her numerous honors

1 include the Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership 2020
2 U.S.-Japan Public Intellectual award, the Making a Mark on the
3 World Innovation Award from the San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of
4 Commerce, and a Top 10 Professional Woman of the Year Award from the
5 Marjaree Mason Center; and

6 WHEREAS, A native of San Antonio, Dr. Teniente-Matson is a
7 graduate of the University of Alaska Fairbanks and the University
8 of Alaska Anchorage and holds a doctorate in educational leadership
9 from California State University, Fresno; in all her endeavors, she
10 enjoys the love and support of her husband, Mike, and their two
11 sons, Phillip and Wyatt; and

12 WHEREAS, Through her visionary leadership, Cynthia
13 Teniente-Matson has played a vital role in advancing the mission of
14 Texas A&M University-San Antonio, and her achievements will
15 continue to be appreciated for years to come; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature
17 hereby honor Dr. Cynthia Teniente-Matson for her dedicated service
18 as president of Texas A&M University-San Antonio and extend to her
19 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
21 prepared for Dr. Teniente-Matson as an expression of high regard by
22 the Texas Senate.