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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Juan Carlos Huerta was named a recipient of the  
2 2023-2024 Texas A&M University System Regents Professor Award in  
3 recognition of his 30 years of exemplary service to the System and  
4 Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi; and

5 WHEREAS, The TAMU System's highest faculty honor, this  
6 designation acknowledges outstanding contributions to teaching,  
7 research, and service; as a professor of political science at  
8 TAMU-Corpus Christi, Dr. Huerta has demonstrated an exceptional  
9 commitment to his discipline and to student success, particularly  
10 among first-year and first-generation scholars; he strives to  
11 empower students who need extra encouragement, and his classes are  
12 popular with majors and non-majors alike; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Huerta joined the TAMU-CC faculty in 1995, and  
14 he has focused his research on public opinion, Texas politics, and  
15 Latino politics; long at the forefront of inquiry on Latino  
16 identity in political science, including motivations for party  
17 affiliation and attitudes about public policy, he is currently  
18 involved in grant-funded research on the topic; moreover, he  
19 coauthored the last several editions of a popular textbook,  
20 *Practicing Texas Politics*, and he has written a number of book  
21 chapters and journal articles; and

22 WHEREAS, In 2015, Dr. Huerta helped establish the National  
23 Learning Communities Association, and he served as founding  
24 president; he has further served his profession as vice president

1 of the American Political Science Association and president of the  
2 Southwestern Political Science Association; in 2024, the Political  
3 Science Education Section of the APSA presented him with the  
4 Lifetime Achievement Award; he is also a recipient of the Amigo de  
5 la Isla Award from the TAMU-CC Division of Student Engagement and  
6 Success; and

7 WHEREAS, Over the course of his long career, Juan Carlos  
8 Huerta has advanced knowledge in his field and helped countless  
9 students to better understand the political forces that shape our  
10 world, and he is richly deserving of this prestigious accolade;  
11 now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas  
13 Legislature hereby congratulate Dr. Juan Carlos Huerta on his  
14 selection as a Texas A&M University System Regents Professor and  
15 extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
17 prepared for Dr. Huerta as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
18 House of Representatives.