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H.R. No. 829

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Becky Duval Reese was inducted into the El Paso  
2 Commission for Women Hall of Fame on March 11, 2005; and

3 WHEREAS, Established in 1985, the commission is composed of  
4 El Paso citizens who are committed to the pursuit of equal rights  
5 and responsibilities for all women; inductees to the organization's  
6 Hall of Fame are recognized in one of five categories, including  
7 arts, civic leadership, education, professional, and public  
8 service; and

9 WHEREAS, Selected for the arts category, Ms. Reese is  
10 director of the El Paso Museum of Art and is widely acknowledged as  
11 one of the most gifted museum administrators in the Southwest;  
12 under her leadership, the museum has become the center of a  
13 widespread revitalization of the arts community in El Paso; and

14 WHEREAS, With 25 years' experience working at art  
15 institutions, Ms. Reese has served as director and curator of the  
16 Williams Gallery at New Mexico State University, where she  
17 organized exhibitions and implemented public programs; she also  
18 distinguished herself as curator and assistant director at the  
19 former Huntington Art Gallery at The University of Texas at Austin;  
20 and

21 WHEREAS, This esteemed professional has overseen the  
22 construction of a new building for the El Paso Museum of Art, which  
23 now boasts an exceedingly attractive and flexible interior space to  
24 house the university's permanent collection of local and regional

1 contemporary art; Ms. Reese's knowledge of the art world and her  
2 ability to bring together diverse members of the community have  
3 enabled the museum to host significant traveling exhibitions, and  
4 her relationships with well-known artists have resulted in  
5 important loans such as "Vaquero" by Luis Jimenez; and

6 WHEREAS, Ms. Reese graduated summa cum laude from New Mexico  
7 State University with a master's degree in art history, and she has  
8 published more than 30 exhibition catalogues and multiple articles  
9 on American art; and

10 WHEREAS, The strength of our communities and the vitality of  
11 the State of Texas depend on the dedication of women like Becky  
12 Reese; her considerable talents and expertise have helped make the  
13 El Paso Museum of Art a vibrant and exciting cultural center, and it  
14 is a pleasure to join the commission in honoring her at this time;  
15 now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
17 Legislature hereby congratulate Becky Duval Reese on her induction  
18 into the El Paso Commission for Women Hall of Fame 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 Ms. Reese as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
22 House of Representatives.