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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Ricardo Romo is celebrating his 10th anniversary
2 as president of The University of Texas at San Antonio in 2009; and

3 WHEREAS, A native of the Alamo City, Ricardo Romo graduated
4 from Louis W. Fox Academic and Technical High School and attended
5 The University of Texas at Austin; he later earned a master's degree
6 from Loyola Marymount University and a doctoral degree from the
7 University of California, Los Angeles, and he published "East Los
8 Angeles: History of a Barrio"; in 1980, he returned to UT Austin to
9 teach history before he was named vice provost for undergraduate
10 education, and from 1987 to 1993, he directed the Texas office of
11 the Tomas Rivera Center at Trinity University; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Romo was appointed president of UTSA in 1999,
13 and during his tenure, enrollment has increased by 50 percent and
14 the institution has been recognized as a leader in "Closing the
15 Gaps," the statewide initiative to enroll more Texans in college;
16 in addition, UTSA has added numerous facilities, including a
17 Recreation/Wellness building and a 1,000-bed Olympic village-style
18 housing complex, as well as various student support programs; among
19 Dr. Romo's future goals for the university are to double the current
20 number of tenured and tenure-track faculty by 2012, to develop
21 additional doctoral programs and research institutes, to launch the
22 approved Athletic Initiative Business Plan, and to construct nearly
23 \$750 million in facilities; and

24 WHEREAS, This distinguished administrator was appointed by

1 President George W. Bush to the President's Board of Advisers on
2 Historically Black Colleges and Universities, by Secretary of State
3 Colin Powell to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and
4 Cultural Organization, and by Governor Rick Perry to the Commission
5 for College Ready Texas; moreover, Dr. Romo has been active in many
6 local organizations, including the San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of
7 Commerce, which he served as chair, as well as the board of the
8 Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas and the United Way; and

9 WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, he enjoys the love and
10 support of his wife and UTSA colleague, Dr. Harriett Romo, and he
11 takes great pride in their two children, Carlos and Anadelia; and

12 WHEREAS, UTSA has gained immeasurably from Dr. Romo's
13 dedication and vision over the past decade, and it is a privilege to
14 recognize his ongoing contributions to higher education in the Lone
15 Star State; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
17 Legislature hereby honor Dr. Ricardo Romo on his 10th anniversary
18 as president of The University of Texas at San Antonio and extend to
19 him sincere best wishes for continued success and happiness; and,
20 be it further

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