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H.R. No. 589

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Diana Pena of Rio Grande City retired as vice  
2 president of finance and administrative services for South Texas  
3 College on January 31, 2011, concluding a distinguished career with  
4 that institution that spanned 12 years; and

5           WHEREAS, In 1998, Ms. Pena joined South Texas College as a  
6 vice president; she played an instrumental role in the school's  
7 success, helping to ensure its fiscal integrity and stability as  
8 the able steward of an annual budget of more than \$130 million; her  
9 responsibilities included overseeing a wide range of crucial  
10 services, including maintenance, facilities, security, and human  
11 resources, as well as nearly every financial and business function;  
12 and

13           WHEREAS, This skilled administrator has been affiliated with  
14 a number of professional organizations, among them the Texas  
15 Association of Community College Business Officers, the National  
16 Association of College and University Business Officers, and the  
17 American Association for Women in Community Colleges; moreover, she  
18 was named 2010 Outstanding Chief Business Officer for Region IV by  
19 the Community College Business Officers Association; and

20           WHEREAS, Born and raised in Rio Grande City, Ms. Pena  
21 graduated from the University of Houston and went on to earn her  
22 master's degree in counseling and guidance from The University of  
23 Texas--Pan American; she worked in the Rio Grande City Consolidated  
24 Independent School District for nearly three decades, beginning her

1 career as a teacher in 1970 and rising to become district assistant  
2 superintendent for business and operations; and

3 WHEREAS, In all her endeavors, Ms. Pena enjoys the support  
4 and encouragement of her husband, Guadalupe Pena, and their  
5 children, Guadalupe Pena, Jr., Dr. Deanna Pena Garcia, and Ernesto  
6 Pena; and

7 WHEREAS, Diana Pena demonstrated high professional standards  
8 and exceptional dedication to educational excellence throughout  
9 her tenure at South Texas College, and her contributions will  
10 continue to benefit the school in the years to come; now, therefore,  
11 be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
13 Legislature hereby congratulate Diana Pena on her retirement as  
14 vice president of finance and administrative services for South  
15 Texas College and extend to her sincere best wishes for the future;  
16 and, be it further

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