

By: Marquez

H.R. No. 908

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, President Diana Natalicio has demonstrated great  
2 leadership and skill in furthering the mission of The University of  
3 Texas at El Paso; and

4           WHEREAS, While Dr. Natalicio has been UTEP president,  
5 enrollment has grown to more than 22,000 students and the annual  
6 budget has increased from \$65 million to \$383 million; the school is  
7 designated as a research and doctoral-intensive university and is  
8 recognized nationally for its superior and extensive academic  
9 programs, and externally funded research expenditures have grown  
10 from \$6 million to nearly \$60 million per year; additionally, more  
11 than \$250 million in facilities expansion projects are underway to  
12 accommodate the burgeoning science, engineering, and health  
13 sciences departments; and

14           WHEREAS, Prior to her appointment as president in 1988, Dr.  
15 Natalicio served as vice president for academic affairs, dean of  
16 liberal arts, chair of the modern languages department, and  
17 professor of linguistics at UTEP; she is a graduate of St. Louis  
18 University and The University of Texas at Austin, where she earned  
19 her master's degree in Portuguese and her doctorate in linguistics;  
20 and

21           WHEREAS, Dr. Natalicio is highly respected in her profession;  
22 a member of the board of trustees of the Rockefeller Foundation, she  
23 also serves on the board of directors of Trinity Industries, the  
24 American Council on Education, and the National Action Council for

1 Minorities in Engineering; she has further shared her time with the  
2 board of governors of the U.S.-Mexico Foundation for Science, the  
3 NASA Advisory Council, and the boards of the Sandia Corporation and  
4 Internet2; moreover, she was appointed to the Advisory Commission  
5 on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans by President  
6 George H. W. Bush and to the National Science Board by President  
7 Bill Clinton, serving three terms as vice chair; and

8         WHEREAS, Through the years, Dr. Natalicio has earned a number  
9 of honors for her efforts, including the Harold W. McGraw, Jr.,  
10 Prize in Education, the Distinguished Alumnus Award from The  
11 University of Texas at Austin, and induction into the Texas Women's  
12 Hall of Fame; and

13         WHEREAS, Diana Natalicio's vision and expertise have  
14 contributed immeasurably to the stature of UTEP, and the school's  
15 students and faculty are indeed fortunate to continue to benefit  
16 from her guidance and dedication; now, therefore, be it

17         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
18 Legislature hereby honor Dr. Diana Natalicio for her service as  
19 president of The University of Texas at El Paso and extend to her  
20 sincere best wishes for continued success with her important work;  
21 and, be it further

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