

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Stephanie Alvarez of The University of Texas-Pan
2 American has received the Outstanding Latino/a Faculty in Higher
3 Education (Teaching Institutions) Award from the American
4 Association of Hispanics in Higher Education; and

5 WHEREAS, An assistant professor of Spanish, Dr. Alvarez
6 joined the faculty in the Department of Modern Languages and
7 Literature in 2006; she engages her students through innovative
8 approaches and by fostering lively, challenging discussions; in
9 addition to participating in research endeavors with faculty
10 members, her students have the opportunity to take part in her
11 Cosecha Voices project, co-taught with renowned poet Tato Laviera;
12 this program allows students from migrant farmworking families to
13 write about their experiences and create digital presentations for
14 the community; in November 2010, Dr. Alvarez guided a group of
15 graduate students in conducting archival research at the Center for
16 Puerto Rican Studies and Ellis Island in New York; and

17 WHEREAS, This dynamic educator led the effort to revise and
18 revitalize the Mexican American Studies program at UTPA, and she
19 now serves as codirector; she created a committee to develop a new
20 degree plan for undergraduate majors and minors, as well as a
21 graduate certificate; since 2009, the number of Mexican American
22 Studies majors at the school has risen dramatically, and 17
23 students are pursuing the graduate certificate; and

24 WHEREAS, The author and editor of numerous publications and

1 papers, Dr. Alvarez earned her bachelor's degree in Spanish from
2 the University of South Alabama and her master's degree in Spanish
3 from St. Louis University in Missouri; she was a lecturer at the
4 University of Michigan and the National Hispanic University before
5 earning her doctorate in Spanish and graduate certificate in Latin
6 American studies from the University of Oklahoma in 2006; among
7 numerous accolades, she has received the 2009 Regents Outstanding
8 Teaching Award from The University of Texas System; and

9 WHEREAS, Stephanie Alvarez has inspired and empowered her
10 students through her commitment to increasing cultural knowledge,
11 encouraging self-expression, and developing research and
12 analytical skills; she is indeed deserving of this prestigious
13 honor; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
15 Legislature hereby congratulate Dr. Stephanie Alvarez on her
16 receipt of the Outstanding Latino/a Faculty in Higher Education
17 (Teaching Institutions) Award and extend to her sincere best wishes
18 for continued success; and, be it further

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

Gonzales of Hidalgo

H.R. No. 1057

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1057 was adopted by the House on April 7, 2011, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House