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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, South Texas College is now one of the largest
2 community colleges in the state of Texas, and its development and
3 success were aided significantly by the work of Dr. Juan E. Mejia
4 during his exceptional 20-year tenure with the institution; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Mejia served as department chair at Texas State
6 Technical College before moving to what was then known as South
7 Texas Community College in 1993; he served as chair of the health
8 sciences programs for two years, and in 1996, he was appointed
9 assistant vice president for academic affairs; and

10 WHEREAS, He completed his notable service at the institution
11 as vice president for academic affairs; in this role, he provided
12 leadership for the academic team, including the deans, academic
13 directors, campus administrators, department and program chairs,
14 and faculty, and coordinated curriculum development; he was also
15 responsible for overseeing accreditation, professional
16 development, instructional grants, and university relations; and

17 WHEREAS, Outside of his work with South Texas College,
18 Dr. Mejia contributed his time and energy to a wide spectrum of
19 educational committees and task forces; he served as chair of the
20 South Texas Higher Education Regional Council as well as vice
21 president and director of the National Council for Workforce
22 Education, and he further benefited the state through his work as a
23 steering committee member for the Texas State Leadership Consortium
24 for Curriculum Development and the Texas State Leadership

1 Consortium for Professional Development; and

2 WHEREAS, A member of the Texas Skill Standards Board and the
3 board of the Texas Association of College Technical Educators, this
4 esteemed administrator has also lent his insight to the Texas
5 Higher Education Coordinating Board on a number of its committees,
6 including those on curriculum development, distance learning,
7 developmental education, and community college baccalaureate
8 programs; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Mejia has completed programs of study at Texas
10 State Technical College, Texas A&M University--Corpus Christi, and
11 Texas A&M University--Kingsville, and he is committed to creating
12 opportunities for others to achieve their educational goals; during
13 the course of his career, he has been recognized for his
14 achievements at the local, state, and national levels; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Mejia left South Texas College in 2013 to accept
16 a new position at Tyler Junior College, but his contributions
17 continue to resonate widely in the halls of the institution that he
18 formerly served, and the students and faculty of South Texas
19 College were most fortunate to benefit from the vision and
20 leadership that he provided them during his outstanding tenure;
21 now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
23 Legislature hereby honor Dr. Juan E. Mejia for his service to South
24 Texas College and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued
25 success and fulfillment; and, be it further

26 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
27 prepared for Dr. Mejia as an expression of high regard by the Texas

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