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H.R. No. 3029

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The D. R. Semmes Family YMCA at Tripoint has served
2 San Antonio residents since 2009; and

3 WHEREAS, One of a dozen branches of the YMCA of Greater San
4 Antonio, the Y at Tripoint provides a venue for residents to make
5 new friends while participating in healthy activities; it is
6 dedicated to helping youngsters fulfill their potential, and it
7 promotes the well-being of people of all ages; and

8 WHEREAS, Programs for youth development include holiday,
9 summer, and specialty camps, Kidz Club, soccer, and basketball; the
10 YMCA Afterschool Program combines learning with play in a safe,
11 caring environment to supplement classroom lessons and improve
12 academic achievement; and

13 WHEREAS, Tripoint offers family activities and a Parents
14 Night Out, and adults can participate in a variety of health and
15 wellness classes, among them personal training, Pilates, and
16 nutrition; helping seniors stay active and socially connected, the
17 center sponsors many fitness initiatives and events specially
18 designed to meet their needs; and

19 WHEREAS, To illustrate the benefits of Tripoint membership,
20 the staff at the facility need only direct attention to a longtime
21 patron, World War II veteran Manuel Vela, who celebrated his 95th
22 birthday on March 28, 2015; Mr. Vela joined the original downtown
23 YMCA in the 1960s, when he was a firefighter, and he kept in shape at
24 the Y while employed as a fire captain and fire inspector; since his

1 retirement in 1983, he has remained a Y regular, and he has a host of
2 friends among the personnel and fellow patrons at Tripoint; and

3 WHEREAS, The D. R. Semmes Family YMCA at Tripoint
4 contributes immeasurably to the health, happiness, and well-being
5 of area residents, and it is indeed a pleasure to recognize the Y
6 and its treasured member, Manny Vela; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
8 Legislature hereby honor the D. R. Semmes Family YMCA at Tripoint
9 and its notable patron, Manuel Vela, and extend to all those
10 associated with the organization sincere best wishes for the
11 future; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That official copies of this resolution be prepared
13 for the organization and Mr. Vela as an expression of high regard by
14 the Texas House of Representatives.