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H.R. No. 376

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Pedro Reyes has rendered exceptional service to
2 The University of Texas at San Antonio since his appointment as its
3 interim president in February 2017; and

4 WHEREAS, Over the course of his notable six-month tenure,
5 Dr. Reyes has worked tirelessly to advance the mission of UTSA; he
6 was instrumental in helping the university secure a budget increase
7 during the 85th Texas Legislative Session, and he played a vital
8 role in garnering \$27 million in federal research grants for the
9 school, as well as \$10 million from the City of San Antonio for a
10 joint-use team facility; under his able guidance, construction
11 began on a new science and engineering building, and a partnership
12 was forged with the San Antonio Independent School District for a
13 prospective charter school; moreover, he established a Community
14 Downtown Campus Advisory Council and task forces on sexual assault,
15 data governance, and the San Antonio Tricentennial celebration; and

16 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan previously taught at the
17 University of Kansas and the University of Wisconsin before
18 beginning his distinguished career with The University of Texas in
19 1990 as associate dean of graduate studies at UT Austin, where he
20 was also a professor of education policy and administration; from
21 2003 to 2012, he served as associate vice chancellor for academic
22 planning and assessment for the UT System, followed by a three-year
23 stint as executive vice chancellor for academic affairs; he holds a
24 bachelor's degree and a Ph.D. from the University of

1 Wisconsin--Madison; and

2 WHEREAS, Through his incisive leadership, inspiring vision,
3 and passionate commitment to higher education, Dr. Pedro Reyes has
4 made a meaningful difference in the lives of countless students,
5 and UTSA has benefited immeasurably from his contributions; now,
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
8 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby commend Dr. Pedro Reyes on
9 his service as interim president of The University of Texas at San
10 Antonio and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued
11 success; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for Dr. Reyes as an expression of high regard by the Texas
14 House of Representatives.