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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Dr. Ekta Escovar received the 2018 Benjamin Berkeley Citizen of the Year Award from the Alpine Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Each year, the chamber presents this accolade to an individual who has made outstanding contributions to the community; it was named in tribute to the city's first mayor, a physician who also helped organize the area's first bank and the Alpine Commercial Club, the chamber's forerunner; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Escovar is currently Alpine's only pediatrician, and she serves as vice chief of the medical staff at Big Bend Regional Medical Center; in her work, she has treated many children injured on playground equipment at Kokernot Park, and she brought her concerns about safety before the city council; and

WHEREAS, Learning that the city budget lacked funds to make repairs to the equipment, Dr. Escovar established a nonprofit, Big Bend Parks and Recreation for Kids; she secured grants that enabled the organization to make significant improvements to city parks, including Baines Park as well as Kokernot Park; and

WHEREAS, Ekta Escovar has made a positive impact in the community through her civic engagement and deep commitment to the well-being of area children, and she is richly deserving of this prestigious honor; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas Legislature hereby congratulate Dr. Ekta Escovar on her receipt of the 2018 Benjamin Berkeley Citizen of the Year Award from the Alpine Chamber of Commerce and extend to her sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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