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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Margaret Rice has made invaluable contributions to
2 the University of Houston-Victoria as an administrator, professor,
3 and community member; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Rice began her career with UHV in 1999, when she
5 accepted a position as director of the university's Letting
6 Education Achieve Dreams program; in that role, she worked
7 tirelessly to increase college enrollment from historically
8 underrepresented groups in the UHV service area; she went on to
9 become executive director of student services and regional outreach
10 and then chief of staff, and in 2011 she was named interim associate
11 vice president for community relations; she retired in 2016 as the
12 special assistant to the provost and as a professor in the School of
13 Education, Health Professions, and Human Development; and

14 WHEREAS, During her tenure, Dr. Rice played a key role in a
15 number of major developments at the university, including the
16 addition of freshmen and sophomores to the campus and the creation
17 of an online master's degree in adult and higher education; she also
18 wrote the school's Recruitment and Retention Plan and consulted
19 with community organizations to facilitate strategic planning
20 sessions; and

21 WHEREAS, Since her retirement, Dr. Rice has remained
22 involved in the UHV community, and she and her family endowed the
23 Justin Truett Hunt Memorial Scholarship in 2016; moreover, she
24 serves on the board of the Kenedy Independent School District

1 Education Foundation and the Victoria Bach Festival; Dr. Rice holds
2 a master's degree in religious education from Southwestern Baptist
3 Theological Seminary and a doctorate in educational human resource
4 development from Texas A&M University; and

5 WHEREAS, For the past two decades, Margaret Rice has helped
6 to advance the mission of the University of Houston-Victoria, and
7 she may take well-deserved pride in all she has accomplished in
8 behalf of UHV students, faculty, and staff; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
10 Legislature hereby commend Dr. Margaret Rice for her contributions
11 to the University of Houston-Victoria and extend to her sincere
12 best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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