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H.R. No. 1229

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Maria Alvarez has greatly distinguished herself
2 as an educator at El Paso Community College for more than 25 years;
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4 WHEREAS, A biology professor, Dr. Alvarez has earned an
5 outstanding reputation as an instructor, researcher, and mentor,
6 particularly in STEM programs; she was instrumental in securing
7 \$13.2 million in grant funding to create opportunities for students
8 in STEM education, and she has worked to ensure that hundreds of
9 minority and underrepresented students have the opportunity to
10 engage in research projects through the Research Initiative for
11 Scientific Enhancement (RISE) Program; moreover, she helps her
12 students acquire the tools needed to succeed in STEM careers; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Alvarez has received numerous accolades for her
14 efforts, including the honor of being named both the Western Region
15 and National recipient of the Faculty Member Award from the
16 Association of Community College Trustees; and

17 WHEREAS, Through her dedication, professionalism, and
18 commitment to excellence, Dr. Maria Alvarez has made a positive and
19 lasting difference in the lives of countless EPCC students, and she
20 has earned the respect and admiration of all who know her; now,
21 therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
23 Legislature hereby honor Dr. Maria Alvarez for her service as an
24 educator and extend to her sincere best wishes for the future; and,

1 be it further

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