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H.R. No. 1230

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. William Serrata has served with distinction as
2 president of El Paso Community College since assuming that post on
3 August 1, 2012, and under his leadership, the institution has built
4 on its reputation for providing students in the region with
5 accessible, affordable, and high-quality education; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Serrata holds a bachelor's degree from Texas A&M
7 University, a master's degree from The University of Texas at
8 Brownsville, and a doctorate in educational human resource
9 development from Texas A&M; he previously served for seven years as
10 vice president for student affairs and enrollment management at
11 South Texas College in McAllen; and

12 WHEREAS, As head of EPCC and as a leader in the El Paso
13 community, Dr. Serrata has worked diligently to ensure that EPCC
14 continues to expand opportunity within the region and state; he has
15 demonstrated a commitment to increasing degree attainment and has
16 guided the institution with a focus on preparing students to
17 contribute to a strong Texas workforce; and

18 WHEREAS, During Dr. Serrata's tenure as president, EPCC has
19 been named one of the top 10 community colleges in the nation by the
20 Aspen Institute; it has further been recognized with the
21 prestigious American Association of Community Colleges Student
22 Success Award and has been ranked No. 1 in the number of associate
23 degrees awarded to Hispanic students; and

24 WHEREAS, Dr. Serrata's many professional affiliations have

1 included his membership on the boards of Excelencia in Education,
2 Catch the Next, the Higher Education Research and Development
3 Institute, and the National Student Clearinghouse Advisory
4 Committee; he has also been an active and prominent member of many
5 local organizations, having served on the boards of Workforce
6 Solutions Upper Rio Grande, the Greater El Paso Chamber of
7 Commerce, United Way of El Paso, and numerous others; and

8 WHEREAS, Over the past seven years, El Paso Community College
9 has greatly benefited from the knowledge, passion, and expertise
10 that Dr. William Serrata has brought to his duties, and he may
11 indeed reflect with pride on all that he has achieved; now,
12 therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
14 Legislature hereby honor Dr. William Serrata for his service as
15 president of El Paso Community College and extend to him sincere
16 best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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