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H.R. No. 1731

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Ruben Michael Flores became the first Latino  
2 chancellor of the Alamo Colleges District on October 1, 2018; and

3 WHEREAS, Since 1999, Mike Flores has served the district in a  
4 variety of teaching and administrative roles; he was president of  
5 Palo Alto College from 2012 to 2018, and under his leadership, the  
6 school received the 2015 Texas Award for Performance Excellence and  
7 became a finalist for the prestigious 2019 Aspen Prize for  
8 Community College Excellence; in addition, he has developed new  
9 degree and certificate programs in high-growth, high-wage career  
10 areas, as well as many early college high school/pre-college  
11 partnerships, and he also established the Center for Mexican  
12 American Studies; earning a host of accolades for his work in  
13 increasing student success, he has been an Achieving the Dream  
14 coach and a Fellow with both the American Council on Education and  
15 the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities; moreover, he  
16 has presented at numerous national higher education conferences;  
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Dr. Flores holds a bachelor's degree from The  
19 University of Texas at San Antonio, a master's degree from Illinois  
20 State University, and a Ph.D. in educational administration from  
21 The University of Texas at Austin, and he completed additional  
22 postgraduate work at the Harvard University Institute for  
23 Educational Management; in all his endeavors, he is supported by  
24 the love and encouragement of his wife, Martha, and their two

1 daughters, Mara Zoe and Mia Ximena; he is fulfilling the dream of  
2 his late father, Ruben Dario Flores, a former migrant worker who  
3 rose to become a dean of San Antonio College and who hoped that his  
4 son would serve as chancellor one day; and

5 WHEREAS, Throughout his tenure with the Alamo Colleges  
6 District, Mike Flores has advanced the quality and expanded the  
7 accessibility of higher education, and his passion for excellence  
8 will continue to make an even greater impact on the institution;  
9 now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
11 Legislature hereby congratulate Dr. Mike Flores on becoming  
12 chancellor of the Alamo Colleges District and extend to him sincere  
13 best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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