

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, America Jones of El Paso has been named to *Profiles*  
2 *in Diversity Journal's* 2021 list of Latino Leaders Worth Watching;  
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4           WHEREAS, For more than two decades, *Profiles in Diversity*  
5 *Journal* has honored individuals who excel in their chosen fields  
6 while innovating, mentoring others, and advancing diversity and  
7 inclusion in the workplace; and

8           WHEREAS, America Jones is the chief executive officer of  
9 Kindred Hospital El Paso, a long-term acute care facility that  
10 treats chronically, critically ill patients who require  
11 specialized care during an extended stay in a hospital setting;  
12 during her tenure, she has worked to develop a strong culture of  
13 staff engagement, diversity, and mutual respect; as a result, staff  
14 turnover is low, which contributes to a superior quality of care for  
15 patients; and

16           WHEREAS, The first college graduate in her family, Ms. Jones  
17 earned her bachelor's degree in nursing at The University of Texas  
18 at El Paso; she initially majored in electrical engineering at UT  
19 Austin but interrupted her studies to help her grandmother when she  
20 was diagnosed with cancer; after witnessing the holistic,  
21 compassionate care provided by a hospice nurse, Ms. Jones  
22 recognized her own calling; she began her career as a nurse, and as  
23 she advanced in her profession, she garnered a Nursing Excellence  
24 Award from the Visiting Nurses Association and went on to complete a

1 master's degree in nursing systems management at her alma mater;  
2 she served as chief nursing officer of a hospital before becoming  
3 CEO at Kindred Hospital El Paso; and

4 WHEREAS, America Jones has distinguished herself through her  
5 contributions to health care and her commitment to inclusivity in  
6 the workplace, and her accomplishments are a source of inspiration  
7 to all who are privileged to know her; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
9 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby congratulate America Jones  
10 on being named to the 2021 list of Latino Leaders Worth Watching by  
11 *Profiles in Diversity Journal* and extend to her sincere best wishes  
12 for continued success; and, be it further

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

Ordaz Perez

H.R. No. 66

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 66 was adopted by the House on October 14, 2021, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House