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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.