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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Manuela Gomez of El Paso Community College has earned recognition for both her scholarly work and her civic contributions; and

WHEREAS, A professor of philosophy, Ms. Gomez is nationally known for her expertise in philosophical pedagogy, ethics, feminism, and Latin American philosophy; her many publications include a textbook on ethics, freely available to lower-income students as an Open Educational Resource; in recent years, she has presented on philosophy and border pedagogy at Jawaharlal Nehru University in India, and she has been a guest lecturer on border issues at Harvard University; in addition, she was appointed to the American Philosophical Association Committee on Hispanics; her myriad accolades include the 2020 EPCC Outstanding Faculty Achievement Award and two consecutive EPCC Inspirational Awards from the Student Government Association; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Gomez has also demonstrated a deep commitment to helping others; over the past decade, she and her students have raised more than $40,000 for community projects; as founder and advisor of the EPCC Philosophy Club, she guided its philanthropic efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic, such as the creation of 2,500 reusable facemasks for vulnerable El Paso residents, among them people in homeless and migrant shelters; moreover, the club donated over 800 Christmas gifts to indigenous children in Cuauhtemoc, Chihuahua, Mexico; the El Paso Community Foundation and KVIA-TV named the members and Ms. Gomez as 2020 Community Champions for their efforts; and

WHEREAS, Manuela Gomez has brought great credit to El Paso Community College through her dynamic, wide-ranging scholarship and her humanitarian endeavors, and she is indeed deserving of special recognition; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas Legislature hereby honor Manuela Gomez for her academic achievements and civic engagement and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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