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R E S O L U T I O N

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

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

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

1 named the members and Ms. Gomez as 2020 Community Champions for
2 their efforts; and

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

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

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