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H.R. No. 758

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The legacy of the late Joe K. Foster, the founding
2 board chair of El Paso Community College, is being recognized with
3 an endowed scholarship at the college in his name; and

4 WHEREAS, A lifelong resident of El Paso, Mr. Foster was a
5 successful commercial realtor and a respected civic leader for more
6 than four decades; in 1968, he co-chaired a 100-member steering
7 committee to organize a petition drive for an election to create a
8 junior college district; after the voters approved establishing the
9 school, he led the EPCC board of trustees as its first chair, and
10 his service on the board spanned nearly a decade; he passed away in
11 2013; and

12 WHEREAS, The Joe K. Foster Endowed Scholarship celebrates
13 Mr. Foster's central role in the creation of EPCC; thanks in part to
14 his efforts, the college today is a thriving institution with five
15 campuses that serve nearly 30,000 El Pasoans each year; in the
16 decades since the founding of the school, nearly 90,000 students
17 have graduated with degrees from the college; and

18 WHEREAS, Joe K. Foster was a leader in the establishment of El
19 Paso Community College, helping to open the doors of opportunity to
20 countless fellow citizens, and this new scholarship in his name is a
21 fitting tribute to his vision, generosity, and hard work; now,
22 therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
24 Legislature hereby commemorate the establishment of the Joe K.

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1 Foster Endowed Scholarship at El Paso Community College and
2 celebrate the life and legacy of Joe K. Foster; and, be it further

3 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
4 prepared for the family of Joe K. Foster as an expression of high
5 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.