

R E S O L U T I O N

1        WHEREAS, Manuel M. Vela is retiring as associate vice  
2 president and chief operating officer of the Texas A&M University  
3 Higher Education Center at McAllen on May 31, 2025; and

4        WHEREAS, Since joining HECM in May 2023, Manny Vela has been  
5 instrumental in establishing new positions for the center,  
6 developing and strengthening community partnerships, and  
7 completing a master plan strategizing the long-term growth of the  
8 campus; he previously served as the president and chief executive  
9 officer of Valley Baptist Health System; and

10       WHEREAS, A native of Harlingen, Mr. Vela earned his  
11 bachelor's and juris doctor degrees from The University of Texas at  
12 Austin; he has been involved in many local, state, and national  
13 organizations, including the lieutenant governor's health care  
14 advisory committee; and

15       WHEREAS, Mr. Vela shares a rewarding marriage with his wife,  
16 Amy, and he takes great pride in their family; in retirement, he is  
17 looking forward to spending more time with his loved ones as well as  
18 enjoying his hobbies of playing golf, fishing, and traveling; and

19       WHEREAS, Through his leadership and vision, Manny Vela has  
20 contributed immensely to the mission of the Texas A&M University  
21 Higher Education Center at McAllen, and his accomplishments will  
22 continue to resonate in the years to come; now, therefore, be it

23       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas  
24 Legislature hereby congratulate Manuel M. Vela on his retirement as

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1 associate vice president and chief operating officer of the Texas  
2 A&M University Higher Education Center at McAllen and extend to him  
3 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

4           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
5 prepared for Mr. Vela as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
6 House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 199 was adopted by the House on March 6, 2025, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House