

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.

Chief Clerk of the House