

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, *Excelencia* in Education has demonstrated a
2 long-standing and steadfast commitment to accelerating Latino
3 student success; and

4 WHEREAS, *Excelencia* in Education was founded in 2004 by
5 Sarita Brown, a senior Fellow at the Pew Hispanic Center, and
6 Deborah Santiago, vice president of data and policy analysis for
7 the Los Angeles County Alliance for Student Achievement; focusing
8 on data, the nonprofit organization has conducted research and
9 sparked change with a series of important publications, beginning
10 with the groundbreaking *Latino Student Success at Hispanic-Serving*
11 *Institutions: Findings from a Demonstration Project*, released in
12 connection with The University of Texas at El Paso; its report *How*
13 *Latino Students Pay for College: Patterns of Financial Aid in*
14 *2003-04* garnered national coverage by news outlets from NPR and the
15 *Washington Post* to the *Chronicle of Higher Education*; and

16 WHEREAS, With Ms. Santiago's 2009 report, *Emerging*
17 *Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs)*, *Excelencia* popularized a
18 phrase now firmly incorporated in the higher education lexicon; the
19 organization created a key national resource, the "Growing What
20 Works" database, and over the years, it has amplified its
21 accomplishments by building a large network of results-oriented
22 educators and policymakers; *Excelencia* was tapped to serve as an
23 intermediary organization for Lumina Foundation Latino Student
24 Success, a four-year, \$12 million investment in 13 communities to

1 increase the percentage of Latino students graduating from colleges
2 and universities; in 2019, it established new standards by
3 announcing the first nine institutions to be certified with its
4 Seal of *Excelencia*, acknowledging their success in intentionally
5 serving Latino students while serving all; and

6 WHEREAS, Since its founding, *Excelencia* in Education has
7 empowered countless Latino students to build an even brighter
8 future for themselves and their communities, and the organization
9 is indeed deserving of commendation for its myriad contributions;
10 now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
12 Legislature hereby recognize *Excelencia* in Education for its
13 exemplary record of service and extend to all those associated with
14 the organization sincere best wishes for continued success with
15 their important work; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
17 prepared for *Excelencia* in Education as an expression of high
18 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

Neave Criado

H.R. No. 1263

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1263 was adopted by the House on April 25, 2023, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House