

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 814**

**WHEREAS**, Elaine Mendoza was elected chair of The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents on May 17, 2019, becoming the second woman and first Hispanic to serve in that position; and

**WHEREAS**, Appointed to the board by Governor Rick Perry in 2011, Ms. Mendoza was reappointed six years later by Governor Greg Abbott; she previously served two terms as vice chair, and she is serving her fourth term as chair of the Committee on Academic and Student Affairs; in addition, she is a member of the Committee on Audit and a liaison to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, and she also serves as a member of the University Lands Advisory Board; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Mendoza has brought to the board of regents a wealth of experience gained on the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, the Commission for a College Ready Texas, and Governor Perry's Special Commission on 21st Century Colleges and Universities; at the national level, she chaired the Commission on the Advancement of Women and Minorities in Science, Engineering and Technology Development; and

**WHEREAS**, An alumna of Texas A&M, Ms. Mendoza is an admired leader in the biotechnology industry, and she currently serves as president and CEO of Conceptual MindWorks, the San Antonio-based company she founded in 1990; over the years, she has given generously of her time and talents to promote the expansion of educational opportunities, health care, and economic growth in the Alamo City; she has served as chair of the Early Childhood Education Municipal Development Corporation, as chair of the board of the CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Health System, and as co-chair of the P16 Council Formation Committee; in 2013, she received the

Outstanding Alumni Award from the Dwight Look College of Engineering at Texas A&M, and the following year, she was recognized with the Women's Legacy Award from the Aggie Women Network; and

**WHEREAS**, In taking on this new challenge, Elaine Mendoza has demonstrated a profound commitment to advancing the important goals of one of the largest systems of higher education in the nation; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 86th Legislature, hereby congratulate Elaine Mendoza on her election as chair of The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents and extend to her sincere best wishes for a successful tenure; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for Ms. Mendoza as an expression of high regard by the Texas Senate.

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| Flores      | Nelson    | West       |
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Patrick, President of the Senate

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 23, 2019.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate