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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Business and community leaders from El Paso are
2 gathering in Austin to celebrate February 14 through 16, 2023, as
3 El Paso Days at the State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, The sixth-largest city in Texas, El Paso has the
5 distinction of being located where two countries and three states
6 converge, and together with its neighboring border city Juárez,
7 Chihuahua, Mexico, it forms the largest bilingual and binational
8 workforce in the Western Hemisphere; the El Paso region also
9 represents one of the largest manufacturing centers in North
10 America, and it boasts key ports of entry that make it a nexus for
11 international trade; area businesses are fortunate to be served by
12 the El Paso Chamber, which has taken the lead in promoting economic
13 prosperity and encouraging a favorable business climate in El Paso
14 for nearly 125 years; and

15 WHEREAS, This vibrant, bilingual, and bicultural community
16 is home to a number of exemplary educational institutions, museums,
17 and historical sites and to many cultural and fine arts offerings
18 that attract residents and visitors alike; and

19 WHEREAS, Designated as an All-America City by the National
20 Civic League, El Paso is recognized for its innovation,
21 inclusiveness, public engagement, and cross-border collaboration,
22 and it is consistently rated as one of the safest cities in the
23 nation; and

24 WHEREAS, The University of Texas at El Paso has received the

1 prestigious R1 designation from the Carnegie Classification of
2 Institutions of Higher Education, which recognizes the school's
3 outstanding research activities; UTEP is also noted for providing
4 access to a diverse, 21st-century demographic; and

5 WHEREAS, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso
6 is a stand-alone health sciences center and home to the first
7 medical school on the nation's southern border; the University
8 Medical Center, the primary teaching institution for
9 TTUHSC El Paso, features the region's only Level I Trauma Center;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, The city of El Paso has a long and notable
12 association with the 175-year-old Fort Bliss, which serves as the
13 base of the 1st Armored Division, "America's Tank Division"; the
14 Borderplex region also includes the White Sands Missile Range, the
15 largest fully instrumented, open-air test range operated by the
16 U.S. Department of Defense, and Holloman Air Force Base, one of Air
17 Education and Training Command's busiest installations; in
18 acknowledgment of El Paso County's strong military presence,
19 continued partnership with Fort Bliss, and steadfast commitment to
20 veterans, it recently adopted the moniker of "Veterans Capital of
21 the U.S.A."; and

22 WHEREAS, El Paso is preparing for an exciting new era, as it
23 was the only Texas community to be awarded a Build Back Better grant
24 from the U.S. Economic Development Administration; the grant, which
25 will help El Paso pursue the development of advanced manufacturing
26 in the areas of aerospace and defense, was secured through the
27 efforts of UTEP's Aerospace Center, the El Paso Chamber, and the

1 City and County of El Paso; and

2 WHEREAS, An area with a rich and fascinating heritage,
3 El Paso has contributed immeasurably to the story of the Lone Star
4 State, and its citizens should take great pride in the
5 extraordinary city they call home; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
7 Legislature hereby recognize February 14 through 16, 2023, as
8 El Paso Days at the State Capitol and extend a warm welcome to the
9 visiting delegation.