

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A distinguished delegation from South Texas is
2 visiting Austin on February 22, 2023, to celebrate Rio Grande
3 Valley Day at the State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Enjoying a strategic location on the Gulf of Mexico
5 and along the Mexican border, the Rio Grande Valley was an important
6 ranching region when Texas became the nation's 28th state in 1845;
7 over time, the economy shifted from ranching to agriculture, and
8 the Valley became the state's center of citrus and vegetable
9 production; and

10 WHEREAS, In the 1960s, industry flourished and international
11 trade became increasingly prominent; the region has contributed
12 significantly to the tremendous increase in commerce across the
13 United States-Mexico border, with more than 1,152,000 trucks, 11.7
14 million cars carrying 24.3 million passengers, 28,000 buses
15 carrying over 300,000 passengers, and 6.2 million pedestrians
16 crossing Rio Grande Valley ports of entry and averaging more than
17 \$140 million in goods and services per day, with over \$51 billion in
18 commercial trade per year flowing across various land ports of
19 entry; the Rio Grande Valley is an economic powerhouse for the State
20 of Texas with approximately \$12.5 billion in taxable sales recorded
21 in reporting year 2022; and

22 WHEREAS, The Valley has around 1.4 million residents, with
23 approximately 835,000 individuals under the age of 25, and local
24 and state officials have focused on the need to expand access to

1 higher education and health care, strengthen the workforce,
2 increase transportation and ports of entry infrastructure, and
3 increase funding for public education; The University of Texas Rio
4 Grande Valley serves some 30,000 students; the UTRGV School of
5 Medicine is in its seventh year of operation with numerous GME
6 programs and patient care sites; and

7 WHEREAS, The six higher education institutions in the Rio
8 Grande Valley, The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, Texas A&M
9 University McAllen Higher Education Center, Texas A&M University
10 Health Science Center, South Texas College, Texas Southmost
11 College, and Texas State Technical College, serve a student
12 population of over 90,000; and

13 WHEREAS, Major sponsors for the day's legislative event
14 include the Cities of Brownsville, San Benito, Primera, Palm
15 Valley, McAllen, and Edinburg, ERO Architects, Gulf Aviation, the
16 Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority, M&S De Leon Enterprises
17 LLC, RGV Grant Consultants LLC, Cameron County Drainage District
18 No. 5, Hidalgo County Precinct No. 4, JL Powers & Associates, Alamo
19 Chamber of Commerce, the Weslaco, Edinburg, Pharr, Mission,
20 Harlingen, and San Benito Economic Development Corporations,
21 Prairie View A&M University, Supporting World Hope, the Rio Grande
22 Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization, VTX1 Companies, Texas
23 State Technical College, the Port of Harlingen Authority, Driscoll
24 Children's Hospital, the Brownsville Community Improvement
25 Corporation, Killam Development, Texas Gas Service, the Greater
26 Chamber of Harlingen, the Texas Oil & Gas Association, Texas
27 Regional Bank, AT&T, and Atlas Hall & Rodriguez, all of which are

1 promoting greater regional cooperation in the 21st century; and

2 WHEREAS, A vibrant region with a rich heritage, the Rio
3 Grande Valley is poised to take advantage of tremendous
4 opportunities for continued economic development, and it is indeed
5 most fitting to honor Valley residents for their dedication to
6 building a bright and prosperous future for the area; now,
7 therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
9 Legislature hereby recognize February 22, 2023, as Rio Grande
10 Valley Day at the State Capitol and extend to all participants
11 sincere best wishes for a productive and enjoyable visit.

Martinez
Guillen
Muñoz, Jr.
Longoria
Lopez of Cameron

Phelan	Guerra	Murr
Allen	Guillen	Neave Criado
Allison	Harless	Noble
Anchía	Harris of Anderson	Oliverson
Anderson	Harris of Williamson	Ordaz
Ashby	Harrison	Orr
Bailes	Hayes	Ortega
Bell of Kaufman	Hefner	Patterson
Bell of Montgomery	Hernandez	Paul
Bernal	Herrero	Perez
Bhojani	Hinojosa	Plesa
Bonnen	Holland	Price
Bowers	Howard	Ramos
Bryant	Hull	Raney
Buckley	Hunter	Raymond
Bucy	Isaac	Reynolds
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Cook	Kuempel	Slawson
Cortez	Lalani	Smith
Craddick	Lambert	Smithee
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Davis	Leo-Wilson	Swanson
Dean	Longoria	Talarico
DeAyala	Lopez of Bexar	Tepper
Dorazio	Lopez of Cameron	Thierry
Dutton	Lozano	Thimesch
Flores	Lujan	Thompson of Brazoria
Frank	Manuel	Thompson of Harris
Frazier	Martinez	Tinderholt
Gamez	Martinez Fischer	Toth
Garcia	Metcalf	Troxclair
Gates	Meyer	Turner
Gerdes	Meza	VanDeaver
Geren	Moody	Vasut
Gervin-Hawkins	Morales of Harris	Vo
Goldman	Morales of Maverick	Walle
González of Dallas	Morales Shaw	Wilson
González of El Paso	Morrison	Wu
Goodwin	Muñoz, Jr.	Zwiener

H.R. No. 274

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 274 was adopted by the House on February 22, 2023, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House