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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The 86th annual Charro Days Fiesta is taking place
2 in Brownsville from February 18 through 25, 2023; and

3 WHEREAS, The idea for the event was conceived by local
4 business leaders who sought to raise the spirits of their fellow
5 community members during the Great Depression, and the first Charro
6 Days Fiesta was held in February 1938; since its inception, the
7 binational festival has honored the spirit of the charros, the
8 Mexican cowboys who are considered heroes of the borderlands, and
9 attendees often dress in the cowboys' traditional costumes; the
10 early years of festivities also included horse-drawn parade floats,
11 elegant costume balls, street parties, and fireworks launched with
12 a traditional joyful yell, known as a "grito"; and

13 WHEREAS, The City of Matamoros in Mexico has played an
14 integral role in the success of the Charro Days Fiesta; in years
15 past, international bridges were opened during the festival so that
16 friends and family from across the border could share in the
17 celebration; today, the sister cities host the Hands Across the
18 Bridge ceremony, when the mayors of Matamoros and Brownsville meet
19 to officially begin the week of festivities; and

20 WHEREAS, Each year, the Charro Days Fiesta showcases the rich
21 history and culture of the Brownsville and Matamoros communities,
22 and this festive occasion is indeed deserving of special
23 recognition; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature

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1 hereby commemorate the 86th annual Charro Days Fiesta and extend to
2 the organizers, participants, and attendees sincere best wishes for
3 a fun and successful event.