

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 392

WHEREAS, Gloria I. Chavez became the highest-ranking female agent in the United States Border Patrol when she was appointed chief of the increasingly active Rio Grande Valley Sector on October 9, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Chief Chavez previously served as chief patrol agent of the El Paso Sector; she initially took the job on an interim basis in 2019, at the height of that summer's major influx of migrants, and she received a permanent appointment the following March; during her tenure, she led all enforcement operations along 264 miles of the Mexican border in West Texas and southern New Mexico, managing 11 stations, 6 permanent immigrant checkpoints, and 3 forward operating bases; she worked diligently to increase transparency and improve engagement with the El Paso community, earning plaudits from local immigrant advocates; and

WHEREAS, Chief Chavez grew up in Brownsville and graduated magna cum laude from Columbia Southern University with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice administration; after working for the Nueces County Sheriff's Office and Taft Police Department, she joined the Border Patrol in 1995 as an agent in Imperial Beach, California; she went on to become chief of Washington State's Spokane Sector and California's El Centro Sector; in addition, she served at national headquarters as deputy chief for operations under the Law Enforcement Operations Directorate and as commander for the CBP Migration Crisis Team; a recipient of the OHS Secretary's Silver Medal Award, she holds a master's degree in security studies-homeland security and

defense from the Naval Postgraduate School, and she is a graduate of the Senior Executive Fellows Program at Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government; and

WHEREAS, Over the course of her long career, Gloria Chavez has distinguished herself through her professionalism and commitment to excellence, and she may indeed reflect with pride on her accomplishments as she takes on the challenges of her new role; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, hereby congratulate Gloria I. Chavez on her appointment as U.S. Border Patrol chief of the Rio Grande Valley Sector and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for Chief Chavez as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

LaMantia

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 11, 2023.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate