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R E S O L U T I O N

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

5 WHEREAS, Chief Chavez previously served as chief patrol agent
6 of the El Paso Sector; she initially took the job on an interim
7 basis in 2019, at the height of that summer's major influx of
8 migrants, and she received a permanent appointment the following
9 March; during her tenure, she led all enforcement operations along
10 264 miles of the Mexican border in West Texas and southern New
11 Mexico, managing 11 stations, 6 permanent immigrant checkpoints,
12 and 3 forward operating bases; she worked diligently to increase
13 transparency and improve engagement with the El Paso community,
14 earning plaudits from local immigrant advocates; and

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

1 Secretary's Silver Medal Award, she holds a master's degree in
2 security studies-homeland security and defense from the Naval
3 Postgraduate School, and she is a graduate of the Senior Executive
4 Fellows Program at Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government;
5 and

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

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

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for Chief Chavez as an expression of high regard by the
17 Texas Senate.