

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 407

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Juan "Trey" Mendez III for his public service as mayor of Brownsville; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Mendez was elected to the Brownsville mayoral office in 2019; throughout his service in public office, he has been noted for his focus on higher education, expanding broadband connectivity, and economic development; and

WHEREAS, The second youngest mayor in Brownsville's history, Mayor Mendez previously served for almost a decade at Texas Southmost College; as mayor, he promoted affordable tuition at the community college, which led to a tuition reduction of 40 percent and the highest enrollment rate in the institution's history; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Mendez was instrumental in the building of middle-mile infrastructure in Brownsville, which had been named the least connected community in the United States; he received a New Century Cities Change Maker award for his work expanding broadband connectivity in the Rio Grande Valley; and

WHEREAS, Throughout Mayor Mendez's tenure, Brownsville has focused on becoming a Space City; it is home to SpaceX, and Spaced Ventures and the Space Channel have relocated to Brownsville, bolstering the economy and designating the town as a place where new technology thrives; also under Mayor Mendez's governance, Tesla opened a delivery and service center; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Mendez has been a dedicated and forward-thinking public servant for the past four years, leading his city into an era of new opportunities and greater inclusion; it is truly fitting that he receive special recognition as he moves on from his role as Brownsville's mayor; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, hereby commend Mayor Trey Mendez on his exceptional service to the people of Brownsville and extend to him best wishes for continued success in all his future endeavors; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 13, 2023.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate