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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Juneteenth Cultural Celebration Gala is taking
2 place on June 17, 2023, hosted by YWCA El Paso del Norte Region; and

3 WHEREAS, The oldest known observance commemorating the end of
4 slavery in the United States, Juneteenth celebrates the
5 emancipation in June 1865 of enslaved African Americans in Texas;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, The Juneteenth Cultural Celebration Gala is
8 honoring the holiday with a much-anticipated black-tie event at
9 Abraham Chavez Theatre; the gala includes a reception, an art
10 auction, and a Juneteenth history exhibit, as well as performances
11 highlighting Black excellence in the arts through the decades; and

12 WHEREAS, Proceeds will benefit YWCA El Paso del Norte Region
13 and The Great Khalid Foundation and will support both
14 organizations' art, music, and cultural enrichment programs for
15 early childhood and school-aged children throughout the Borderplex
16 region; and

17 WHEREAS, More than 150 years after emancipation was
18 proclaimed in Texas, Juneteenth continues to inspire gatherings
19 that pay tribute to the myriad achievements and immeasurable
20 fortitude of the African American community, and the Juneteenth
21 Cultural Celebration Gala is furthering that proud tradition in the
22 El Paso area; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature
24 hereby commemorate the Juneteenth Cultural Celebration Gala hosted

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1 by YWCA El Paso del Norte Region and extend to all those in
2 attendance sincere best wishes for a memorable and meaningful
3 event; and, be it further

4 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
5 prepared for YWCA El Paso del Norte Region as an expression of high
6 regard by the Texas Senate.