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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The City of Laredo is celebrating the 270th
2 anniversary of its founding on May 15, 2025; and

3 WHEREAS, Located on the banks of the Rio Grande, Laredo
4 traces its roots to 1755, when Tomás Sánchez de la Barrera y Garza
5 established the settlement and was appointed its captain and chief
6 justice; the town received a resident priest in 1760; as its
7 population grew steadily, the first public school was established;
8 it was named the capital of the Republic of the Rio Grande in 1840,
9 and it ultimately became part of Texas in 1846; two years later, it
10 was chosen as the Webb County seat; and

11 WHEREAS, From its earliest days, Laredo was an important hub
12 for trade, and the arrival of the railroad in the 1880s furthered
13 the city's development into an international gateway; its economy
14 was also supported by coal mining, onion farming, and the discovery
15 of oil and gas in the early 20th century; and

16 WHEREAS, Today, Laredo is home to more than 255,000 people,
17 and its leading industries include transportation and warehousing,
18 retail trade, and educational services; residents and visitors
19 alike enjoy such attractions as the San Agustín Plaza, the Republic
20 of the Rio Grande Museum, and the San Agustín Cathedral; in
21 addition, outdoor enthusiasts are drawn to the region for hiking,
22 birding, and other activities; and

23 WHEREAS, Celebrating their rich history as they work to build
24 an even brighter future, the people of Laredo are justifiably proud

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1 of their community, and it is indeed fitting to honor their
2 contributions to the story of the Lone Star State; now, therefore,
3 be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
5 Legislature hereby commemorate the 270th anniversary of the City of
6 Laredo and extend to its citizens sincere best wishes for the
7 future.