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H.R. No. 269

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Weslaco, Texas, has been named a 2002 winner of the
2 All-America City award, the oldest and most prestigious prize
3 accorded communities in the United States; and

4 WHEREAS, Given by the National Civic League, the award
5 salutes communities that bring together diverse perspectives and
6 segments of their population in order to address the most important
7 local needs; and

8 WHEREAS, Weslaco was one of 10 winners chosen from among 30
9 finalists for the 2002 designation; as part of its application, the
10 city submitted descriptions of three projects that had significant,
11 demonstrable results and promise to make a long-lasting
12 contribution to the city; and

13 WHEREAS, These projects include the Weslaco Neighborhood
14 Self Help Initiative, a program that brings city water and sewer
15 services to underserved areas; the Weslaco Transition Project,
16 which was instrumental in relocating the Caldwell/VSR from downtown
17 to the industrial zone and providing the Mid-Valley campus of South
18 Texas Community College with room for expansion; and Project READ,
19 a cooperative venture between the Weslaco ISD and the Weslaco
20 Public Library that was formed to improve reading skills; and

21 WHEREAS, In addition to fostering community pride and
22 cohesion, these projects can serve to instruct and inspire other
23 groups across the country as they seek ways of dealing with similar
24 issues; and

1 WHEREAS, Weslaco has a long-standing tradition of open,
2 inclusive, and visionary civic problem solving that will continue
3 to invigorate this forward-looking Texas town, and it is a pleasure
4 to join with its citizens in celebrating this newest tribute to
5 their community spirit; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
7 Legislature hereby congratulate the citizens of Weslaco on their
8 community's designation as a 2002 All-America City and extend to
9 them sincere best wishes for good fortune in all their future
10 endeavors; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for prominent display in the city as an expression of high
13 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.