

1 facilities and to federal customs lots; and

2 WHEREAS, The 76th Legislature passed legislation in 1999
3 relating to the establishment of one-stop border inspection
4 stations where all federal, state, and municipal agencies that
5 regulate cross-border traffic could be located in one place; and

6 WHEREAS, One-stop inspection stations would provide a single
7 point of contact between motor carriers and government regulators
8 and a single point of information about regulatory requirements;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, The stations also would prevent duplication of state
11 and federal inspections and facilitate links in government
12 information systems; and

13 WHEREAS, Sharing the same location, eliminating redundant
14 inspections, and using modern technology should reduce truck
15 crossing times to 10 minutes, which is the concept behind one-stop
16 border vehicle inspection facilities; and

17 WHEREAS, Each municipality where the one-stop facilities
18 will be located is unique and has different concerns that must be
19 addressed, such as the location of the facility, whether
20 international commerce would be impeded, whether traffic
21 congestion and pollution would be increased, whether all incoming
22 traffic would be treated the same, and whether local participation
23 would be prioritized; and

24 WHEREAS, Specifically regarding the City of Laredo, federal
25 and state entities should work in collaboration with municipalities
26 and enter into agreements that state that the location, plans, and
27 implementation strategy for the proposed facilities are acceptable

1 to all parties involved; and

2 WHEREAS, Decisions made in Washington, D.C., in the coming
3 months will define border commerce for the next 10 years, affecting
4 not only trade but also highway damage prevention, environmental
5 protection, and drug interdiction; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas
7 hereby respectfully urge the Congress of the United States to fund
8 one-stop border vehicle inspection facilities; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official
10 copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to
11 the speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the
12 senate of the United States Congress, and to all the members of the
13 Texas delegation to the congress with the request that this
14 resolution be officially entered in the Congressional Record as a
15 memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.