By: Martinez H.R. No. 1635

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The well-being of the people of Texas depends on economic prosperity throughout the state, and businesses that employ Texans and contribute to local communities are important components of a healthy economy and a successful future; and

WHEREAS, Wal-Mart is opening a new Supercenter in Weslaco on May 18, 2005; the more than 200,000-square-foot store will create approximately 270 additional jobs for residents of this south Texas town, bringing the total area employment by the company to 500; since its first location opened in the state in 1975, Wal-Mart has employed nearly 140,000 Texans; and

WHEREAS, In addition to adding to the economic vitality of the region, Wal-Mart is donating \$13,000 to local organizations and charities, including the fire department, the public library, the Lower Rio Grande Valley Nature Center, the Weslaco Bi-Cultural Museum Society, and the Weslaco Independent School District, to name but a few; and

WHEREAS, Bringing a wealth of opportunity to the area, the new Wal-Mart will surely enrich the lives of local residents, and all those associated with the store's opening indeed merit special recognition; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas Legislature hereby commemorate the grand opening of the Wal-Mart Supercenter in Weslaco and extend to all those associated with this endeavor sincere best wishes for success.