H.R. No. 2184 By: Chavez

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Dental Clinic of the El Paso City-County Health 1 2 and Environmental District is making innumerable contributions to

3 the well-being of young Texans; and

WHEREAS, Centrally located in downtown El Paso at the Tillman 4 5 Health Center, the clinic offers quality, affordable dental care to 6 El Pasoans age 21 and younger; since its inception, more than 250,000 individuals have benefited from its services, which range 7 from exams and cleanings to X-rays and fillings; in 2004 alone, the 8 clinic recorded more than 9,000 patient visits and dispensed 9

discounted treatment valued at nearly \$900,000; and

WHEREAS, In addition to its in-house services, the clinic uses El Paso City Mobile Dental Units to make preventive dental care available throughout the community; moreover, the clinic offers treatment at community centers and participates in a number of outreach programs, including National Dental Month, school- and organization-sponsored health fairs, and school and Head Start screenings; and

WHEREAS, By providing those in need with access to dental services, the El Paso City-County Health and Environmental District's Dental Clinic plays a vital role in the health of its community, and its efforts to obtain continuing funding for its operations and staff are truly deserving of support; now,

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RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas

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- 1 Legislature hereby commend the work of the Dental Clinic of the El
- 2 Paso City-County Health and Environmental District and express
- 3 support for efforts to obtain continued funding; and, be it further
- 4 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 5 prepared for the clinic as an expression of high regard by the Texas
- 6 House of Representatives.