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H.R. No. 2303

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas House of Representatives is pleased to
2 recognize the officials of the City of Presidio and Presidio County
3 who are having ongoing discussions with state and federal officials
4 in an effort to attain joint ownership of the Presidio
5 International Bridge; and

6 WHEREAS, The Presidio International Bridge is located in the
7 United States and Mexico, and the portion in the United States is
8 maintained by the Texas Department of Transportation; and

9 WHEREAS, Commerce between the United States and Mexico has
10 increased significantly in recent years, and it is anticipated that
11 it will increase even more in the coming years; and

12 WHEREAS, The heightened traffic will require more funds for
13 operating and maintaining the bridge; at the same time, the
14 Presidio residents who live along the border have especially low
15 incomes, resulting in a low tax base from which to draw funds for
16 infrastructure and services; and

17 WHEREAS, Mexico charges a toll for traveling from Mexico to
18 this country; federal law, however, currently prohibits toll
19 charges for crossing the bridge from the United States into Mexico;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, The proposed transference of ownership and
22 authority would allow the City of Presidio and Presidio County to
23 charge a toll, provide the needed funds for maintaining the bridge,
24 and allow surplus funds to be used for the general welfare of local

1 residents; and

2 WHEREAS, The feasibility of the proposed conveyance of the
3 Presidio International Bridge to the City and County of Presidio is
4 indeed worthy of examination and assessment, and the Texas House of
5 Representatives encourages a quick resolution; now, therefore, be
6 it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
8 Legislature hereby commend the efforts of the representatives of
9 the City and County of Presidio regarding the ownership of the
10 Presidio International Bridge and extend appreciation to the Texas
11 Department of Transportation for its assistance in facilitating
12 this transaction; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared as an expression of regard by the Texas House of
15 Representatives.