

Amend HCR 193 as follows:

(1) On page 1, line 1, before "WHEREAS,", insert the following:

WHEREAS, The Rio Grande provides the national boundary between the United States of America and the Estados Unidos Mexicanos and serves as the shared water source of historic international communities from El Paso to Brownsville, demonstrating our common culture and shared mutual dependency throughout our history; and

(2) On page 1, line 6, before "WHEREAS,", insert the following:

WHEREAS, While this border should be a line of defense against those who pose threats to our countries, it must also continue to sustain the vast amount of legitimate traffic, now topping \$45 billion annually, that contributes to our national economies and our regional marketplace; and

(3) On page 1, line 24, before "WHEREAS,", insert the following:

WHEREAS, While border security operations must defend against threats to our state and nation, they must also preserve the legitimate trade that richly contributes to our state and national economies, and it is fitting that these dual efforts toward security and commerce receive the state's full support; and

(4) On page 2, line 10, strike "now, therefore, be it" and substitute "and".

(5) On page 2, line 12, before "RESOLVED,", insert the following:

WHEREAS, The installation and use of fences, barriers, or other mechanisms is inhospitable and a harsh contrast to the gracious and genteel qualities that characterize local border communities; moreover, such construction, particularly through the use of eminent domain, is insidious and an affront to the pride and privilege of land ownership; now, therefore, be it

(6) On page 2, line 15, between "state" and the semicolon, insert "and preserve the vibrant culture of the border".