

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The 31st Annual Hidalgo BorderFest will be held  
2 March 1-4, 2007, and is expected to attract more than 65,000  
3 visitors and residents during its four days of festivities; and

4           WHEREAS, Sponsored by the BorderFest Association, City of  
5 Hidalgo, and Hidalgo Chamber of Commerce, BorderFest is the largest  
6 and oldest heritage and music festival in South Texas, and the event  
7 has long been dedicated to promoting cultural enrichment, arts  
8 education, and heritage preservation in South Texas; and

9           WHEREAS, BorderFest celebrates the diverse cultures that  
10 make the Rio Grande Valley unique, and it is an opportunity to  
11 share, preserve, and showcase the area's heritage through  
12 education, music, dance, cultural activities, and family fun; and

13           WHEREAS, Over the last three decades, BorderFest has grown to  
14 be a major event in Texas; guided by an enlightened leadership,  
15 encouraged by a sympathetic city government, and staffed by a  
16 dedicated and enthusiastic corps of volunteers, BorderFest is  
17 scheduled annually for the first full weekend in March, and the  
18 celebration always pays tribute to a specific nation or historical  
19 event; and

20           WHEREAS, This year's festival offers "A Salute to Ireland" as  
21 a way to recognize the customs, color, and charm of the Emerald  
22 Isle; it also offers us an opportunity to celebrate Texans and  
23 Mexicans of Irish descent and experience their rich culture and  
24 heritage; and

1           WHEREAS, BorderFest offers 16 stages and features continuous  
2 live entertainment, educational opportunities, traditional  
3 customs, international friendship embrace at the International  
4 Bridge between Mexico and the United States, arts, crafts,  
5 cuisines, parades, a carnival, the International Square Dance and  
6 Clogging jubilee, and other family activities that showcase the  
7 ethnic heritage, music, and culture of the people of the Rio Grande  
8 Valley; and

9           WHEREAS, Each year, BorderFest donates tens of thousands of  
10 dollars in scholarships to area youth; it has also helped local  
11 charities and community organizations raise money through their  
12 participation in the festival; and

13           WHEREAS, BorderFest plays an invaluable role in the vitality  
14 of Hidalgo and South Texas and continues to be one of the Lone Star  
15 State's most entertaining and culturally enriching events; now,  
16 therefore, be it

17           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
18 Legislature hereby commend all associated with the 31st Annual  
19 Hidalgo BorderFest for their civic and cultural contributions to  
20 their community and extend to them best wishes for a successful  
21 celebration.

Flores

H.R. No. 442

---

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 442 was adopted by the House on  
February 20, 2007, by a non-record vote.

---

Chief Clerk of the House