

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Rio Grande Valley Partnership, a chamber of
2 commerce for Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr, and Willacy Counties, unites
3 a distinguished roster of members devoted to the greater good and
4 overall advancement of the entire region; and

5 WHEREAS, Since 1944, the Rio Grande Valley Partnership has
6 endeavored to foster relationships and coordinate programs that
7 further economic development in South Texas, and the organization
8 today continues to build on its 60-year legacy of encouraging and
9 promoting business opportunities in the Valley; and

10 WHEREAS, Administered by only seven staff members, the
11 partnership executes a robust program that cultivates progress and
12 prosperity across its four counties, throughout the State of Texas,
13 and into the region's international neighbor, the State of
14 Tamaulipas, Mexico; and

15 WHEREAS, The staff, which currently includes Fawn
16 Foudray-Golich, Angelica Plascencia, Veronica Salazar, Bill
17 Summers, Manuela Valdez, Patricia Villasenor, and Elizabeth
18 Walker, also works with the partnership in organizing and
19 sponsoring the Rio Grande Valley Legislative Tour for state
20 representatives and senators at the beginning of each session; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Summers, who serves as president and chief
22 executive officer, has been affiliated with the Rio Grande Valley
23 Partnership since December 1, 1987, and his hard work and
24 commitment have been vital to the group's outstanding performance

1 over the past two decades; and

2 WHEREAS, The efforts of these dedicated employees not only
3 benefit area businesses and industries but also enhance the quality
4 of life for all Rio Grande Valley residents, and it is a pleasure to
5 honor this notable organization at this time; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
7 Legislature hereby recognize the members, board of directors, and
8 staff of the Rio Grande Valley Partnership and extend to the
9 organization best wishes for continued success and achievement;
10 and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for the Rio Grande Valley Partnership as an expression of
13 high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

Martinez

H.R. No. 2782

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2782 was adopted by the House on May 28, 2007, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House