

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 145

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize February 7, 2007, as El Paso Day at the State Capitol; and

**WHEREAS**, Located at the far westernmost tip of the state, the City of El Paso combines the amenities of a modern metropolis with the charm born of its Spanish origins; the area was named El Paso by the Spanish conquistador Don Juan de Oñate; and

**WHEREAS**, The arrival of the railroads in 1881 ushered in an era of prosperity, and El Paso became a flourishing frontier community; today, trucks, trains, and airplanes transport manufactured goods through El Paso and the border cities at the Pass, just as the Spanish traders did in the 16th century as they guided their ox-drawn carts along the Camino Real from Mexico City to Santa Fe, New Mexico; and

**WHEREAS**, With a population of over one-half million, El Paso is the state's fifth-largest city; nearby Fort Bliss is home to the United States Army's air defense training center and plays a significant role in the community; and

**WHEREAS**, El Paso is a vibrant bilingual community, whose residents enjoy a thriving fine arts community, exemplary educational institutions, and many cultural and historical resources and museums; and

**WHEREAS**, El Paso Day at the State Capitol provides an opportunity for friends and families to honor El Paso's rich heritage and the city's many amenities, which are enjoyed by residents and visitors of all ages; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby proclaim February 7, 2007, El Paso Day at the State Capitol and join all Texans in paying tribute to this historic, vibrant city; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared as a memento of this special occasion.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 7, 2007.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate