

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of the Texas House of Representatives are
2 pleased to join with a delegation of citizens from Edinburg in
3 celebrating Edinburg Day at the State Capitol on February 10, 2009;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Established in the early 20th century and originally
6 known as Chapin, Edinburg became the seat of Hidalgo County in 1908;
7 though ranching initially formed the basis of the town's economy,
8 the arrival of the railroad in 1909 and irrigation in 1915 soon led
9 to an emphasis on the farming of cotton, grain, and citrus; in short
10 order, the town became a thriving center for agricultural marketing
11 and processing; and

12 WHEREAS, Long considered the gateway to the lower Rio Grande
13 Valley, Edinburg is now a dynamic community of approximately 70,000
14 people; in October 2008, throngs of residents commemorated the
15 town's centennial with a spirited, weeklong celebration, which
16 included the opening of the new city hall; and

17 WHEREAS, Edinburg offers a wide range of amenities that mark
18 it as a forward-looking city; the educational needs of area
19 students are capably met by the Edinburg Consolidated Independent
20 School District, which is celebrating the 90th anniversary of its
21 founding in 2009; encompassing 945 square miles, the district
22 includes 27 elementary schools, 5 middle schools, 3 high schools,
23 and an alternative campus; and

24 WHEREAS, Founded in 1927 as Edinburg Junior College, The

1 University of Texas--Pan American remains one of the Valley's
2 premier institutions of higher learning; UTPA recently opened its
3 Wellness and Recreation Sports Complex, and the school is moving
4 forward with plans for the construction of a Fine Arts Center; the
5 center is expected to bring in significant revenue to the
6 university and the surrounding area and also to help draw
7 corporations and industry to South Texas; and

8 WHEREAS, Standing adjacent to UTPA is the Medical Research
9 Division of the Regional Academic Health Center, a part of The
10 University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio; the
11 Medical Research Division was dedicated in 2006 and will develop
12 treatments for illnesses prevalent along the Texas-Mexico border;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Health care resources include the Edinburg
15 Children's Hospital, the Doctors Hospital at Renaissance, and three
16 facilities that all opened in 2007--the Renaissance Behavioral
17 Center, the Cancer Center at Renaissance, and the Women's Hospital
18 at Renaissance; and

19 WHEREAS, The vibrant history and culture of the region are
20 highlighted by the Museum of South Texas History, where new
21 exhibits include 64 maps of Texas dating from 1548 to 2006, as well
22 as a centennial exhibit that explores the history of education,
23 government, civic life, and commerce in the city over the past 10
24 decades; as part of its 2003 expansion, the museum installed the
25 first two sections of a permanent exhibit titled "Rio Grande
26 Legacy," which presents the prehistory and history of the region
27 with bilingual text and state-of-the-art displays; currently under

1 development next to the museum is Will Looney Legacy Park, where
2 exhibits will show how earlier inhabitants of South Texas adapted
3 to the environment; and

4 WHEREAS, In June 2008, the local Boys and Girls Club, which
5 serves almost 20,000 children in Edinburg and nearby communities,
6 broke ground on a new, eco-friendly clubhouse; encompassing nearly
7 33,000 square feet, the building will sit on a 20-acre site that
8 will feature a track, soccer field, walking trail, and tennis and
9 basketball courts; and

10 WHEREAS, Other Edinburg attractions include the 40-acre
11 wetlands of the World Birding Center, the Texas Cook 'Em cook-off,
12 and the All-America City 10K Run/Walk, which draws runners from
13 throughout Texas and Mexico; and

14 WHEREAS, Under the leadership of Mayor Joe Ochoa and city
15 council members Alma Garza, Noe Garza, Agustin Garcia, and Gene
16 Espinoza, Edinburg continues on the trajectory of steady growth and
17 improvement that has made it a three-time winner of the All-America
18 City award, given by the National Civic League; and

19 WHEREAS, Proud of their rich history, the people of Edinburg
20 are determined to preserve the best of the city's past while
21 building a future full of hope and opportunity; now, therefore, be
22 it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
24 Legislature hereby recognize February 10, 2009, as Edinburg Day at
25 the State Capitol and extend a warm welcome to the delegation from
26 Edinburg.

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Allen	Geren	Merritt
Alonzo	Giddings	Miklos
Alvarado	Gonzales	Miller of Comal
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Anderson	Guillen	Moody
Aycock	Gutierrez	Morrison
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Bohac	Hancock	Oliveira
Bolton	Hardcastle	Olivo
Bonnen	Harless	Orr
Branch	Harper-Brown	Ortiz, Jr.
Brown of Kaufman	Hartnett	Otto
Brown of Brazos	Heflin	Parker
Burnam	Hernandez	Patrick
Button	Herrero	Paxton
Callegari	Hilderbran	Pena
Castro	Hochberg	Phillips
Chavez	Hodge	Pickett
Chisum	Homer	Pierson
Christian	Hopson	Pitts
Cohen	Howard of Fort Bend	Quintanilla
Coleman	Howard of Travis	Raymond
Cook	Hughes	Riddle
Corte	Hunter	Rios Ybarra
Crabb	Isett	Ritter
Craddick	Jackson	Rodriguez
Creighton	Jones	Rose
Crownover	Keffer	Sheffield
Darby	Kent	Shelton
Davis of Harris	King of Parker	Smith of Tarrant
Davis of Dallas	King of Taylor	Smith of Harris
Deshotel	King of Zavala	Smithee
Driver	Kleinschmidt	Solomons
Dukes	Kolkhorst	Strama
Dunnam	Kuempel	Swinford
Dutton	Laubenberg	Taylor
Edwards	Legler	Thibaut
Eiland	Leibowitz	Thompson
Eissler	Lewis	Truitt
Elkins	Lucio III	Turner of Tarrant
England	Madden	Turner of Harris
Farabee	Maldonado	Vaught
Farias	Mallory Caraway	Veasey
Farrar	Marquez	Villarreal
Fletcher	Martinez	Vo
Flores	Martinez Fischer	Walle
Flynn	McCall	Weber
Frost	McClendon	Woolley
Gallego	McReynolds	Zerwas

H.R. No. 277

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 277 was adopted by the House on
February 10, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House