

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of El Paso are gathering at the
2 State Capitol on February 16 and 17, 2011, to celebrate El Paso
3 Days, and the event provides a perfect occasion to recognize the
4 dynamism of this great Texas city; and

5 WHEREAS, Located in the westernmost tip of the state, the
6 city of El Paso combines a modern metropolis with the charm born of
7 its Spanish origins; the area was named El Paso by the Spanish
8 conquistador Don Juan de Onate because of the shallow place in the
9 river where the colonists crossed en route to Santa Fe, New Mexico;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, The arrival of the railroads in 1881 ushered in an
12 era of prosperity, and El Paso became a flourishing frontier
13 community that has developed into a significant industrial,
14 commercial, and transportation city; and

15 WHEREAS, Today, trucks, trains, and planes transport
16 manufactured goods through the border cities at the Pass, just as
17 Spanish traders did in the 16th century when they guided ox-drawn
18 carts along the Camino Real from Mexico City to Santa Fe; and

19 WHEREAS, With a population of nearly 700,000, El Paso is the
20 largest American city on the 2,000-mile United States-Mexico
21 border; it lies across the Rio Grande north of Ciudad Juarez,
22 Mexico's fifth-largest city, with a population of over a million;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, Nearby Fort Bliss, which celebrated its 160th

1 anniversary in 2008, is immersed in the biggest transformation in
2 its history, with a 300 percent increase in its population
3 projected by 2012; the base is currently investing \$5 billion in
4 construction for new, top-of-the-line facilities for incoming
5 personnel and their families, and it is at the forefront of the U.S.
6 Army's Transformation plan, as it transitions from a TRADOC to a
7 FORSCOM installation; and

8 WHEREAS, Named an All-America City in 2010, El Paso is a
9 vibrant, bilingual community; its residents enjoy a thriving fine
10 arts community, exemplary educational institutions, and many
11 cultural and historical resources and museums; and

12 WHEREAS, El Paso Days at the State Capitol provide an
13 opportunity to honor El Paso and its rich heritage, which today is
14 enjoyed by residents and vacationers of all ages; now, therefore,
15 be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
17 Legislature hereby recognize February 16 and 17, 2011, as El Paso
18 Days at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation
19 sincere best wishes for an enjoyable and memorable visit to Austin.

Pickett
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Straus	Gonzales of Williamson	Morrison
Aliseda	Gonzalez	Munoz, Jr.
Allen	Gooden	Murphy
Alonzo	Guillen	Naishtat
Alvarado	Gutierrez	Nash
Anchia	Hamilton	Oliveira
Anderson of Dallas	Hancock	Orr
Anderson of McLennan	Hardcastle	Otto
Aycock	Harless	Parker
Beck	Harper-Brown	Patrick
Berman	Hartnett	Paxton
Bohac	Hernandez Luna	Pena
Bonnen	Hilderbran	Perry
Branch	Hochberg	Phillips
Brown	Hopson	Pickett
Burkett	Howard of Fort Bend	Pitts
Burnam	Howard of Travis	Price
Button	Huberty	Quintanilla
Cain	Hughes	Raymond
Callegari	Hunter	Reynolds
Carter	Isaac	Riddle
Castro	Jackson	Ritter
Chisum	Johnson	Rodriguez
Christian	Keffer	Schwertner
Coleman	King of Parker	Scott
Cook	King of Taylor	Sheets
Craddick	King of Zavala	Sheffield
Creighton	Kleinschmidt	Shelton
Crownover	Kolkhorst	Simpson
Darby	Kuempel	Smith of Harris
Davis of Dallas	Landtroop	Smith of Tarrant
J. Davis of Harris	Larson	Smithee
S. Davis of Harris	Laubenberg	Solomons
Deshotel	Lavender	Strama
Driver	Legler	Taylor of Collin
Dukes	Lewis	Taylor of Galveston
Dutton	Lozano	Thompson
Eiland	Lucio III	Torres
Eissler	Lyne	Truitt
Elkins	Madden	Turner
Farias	Mallory Caraway	Veasey
Farrar	Margo	Villarreal
Fletcher	Marquez	Vo
Flynn	Martinez	Walle
Frullo	Martinez Fischer	Weber
Gallego	McClendon	White
Garza	Menendez	Woolley
Geren	Miles	Workman
Giddings	Miller of Comal	Zedler
Gonzales of Hidalgo	Miller of Erath	Zerwas

H.R. No. 284

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 284 was adopted by the House on February 16, 2011, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House