

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 84

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of South Texas and Texans across the state in honoring the victims of violence along our border with Mexico and paying tribute to the brave men and women who place their lives on the line in an effort to create a safe environment for us all; and

WHEREAS, In a continuing struggle for dominance of lucrative smuggling routes along the border, drug cartels have resorted to ever-escalating violence to achieve their aims, including the use of improvised explosive devices and grenades, piracy, the kidnapping and murder of government officials, and the killing of innocent civilians; and

WHEREAS, Coverage of this violence by Mexican media has been effectively silenced, with more than 20 journalists having been killed in the last four years; and

WHEREAS, This brutality and aggression has begun to have an effect on the United States and its citizens; consular workers and tourists have lost their lives, stray bullets from gunfire have landed on the campuses of The University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College and The University of Texas at El Paso, and sporadic gun battles have caused the closure of international bridges; and

WHEREAS, Much progress has been made in the fight against the cartels; various police departments have initiated programs to increase enforcement, and the Texas Department of Public Safety, the game wardens of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, county sheriffs, and United States Customs and Border Patrol officers are cooperating to ensure the safety and well-being of border residents; and

WHEREAS, To remember, honor, and support the individuals and families on both sides of the border who are affected by the difficulties of our neighbors to the south, Senator Eddie Lucio has initiated Prayers for Peace, a special day of prayer and spiritual meditation on the need for peace along the border that takes place the second Thursday of each month; and

WHEREAS, Despite the violence and uncertainty, the Rio Grande Valley remains a vibrant, growing region that is proud of its rich history and traditions; it continues to be a leading destination for tourists and seasonal residents, and its citizens stand ready to face the future with confidence; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby honor the victims of the senseless violence being perpetrated along our southern border and pay tribute to the brave men and women who are working tirelessly to end it; and, be it further

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RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared as a reflection of the high regard of the Texas Senate for their sacrifice and their courage.

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Uresti, Zaffirini

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the
above Resolution was adopted by
the Senate on January 25, 2011.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate

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