

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 701

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is honored to welcome Héctor Agustín Murguía Lardizábal, Mayor of Ciudad Juárez in the State of Chihuahua, Mexico; and

**WHEREAS**, A native of Ciudad Juárez, Mayor Murguía graduated from the Instituto Tecnológico de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey and is a chemical engineer; he became mayor for the second time in 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, Mayor Murguía served a first term as mayor during the years 2004 through 2007; he has also served his country as a federal representative and as a senator; and

**WHEREAS**, Mayor Murguía has achieved prominence as a fervent advocate for international trade between Ciudad Juárez and the State of Texas, which totals over \$48 billion annually; and

**WHEREAS**, Ciudad Juárez and its neighbor, the City of El Paso, make up the world's largest international metroplex, with over two million persons; and

**WHEREAS**, Ciudad Juárez and El Paso have, since 1598, evolved together as a dynamic economic and cultural crossroads that has been historically significant through the years; and

**WHEREAS**, Ciudad Juárez and El Paso share four international ports of entry that play a key part in the transportation system that links major centers in the southern and western hemispheres; and

**WHEREAS**, More than 70 Fortune 500 companies today operate over 336 maquiladora plants and employ more than 177,600 workers in Ciudad Juárez, in telecommunications and in the manufacture of medical supplies, consumer appliances, electronics, and automotive parts; and

**WHEREAS**, Trade between Ciudad Juárez and the State of Texas represents 15 percent of the total trade relationship between Mexico and the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, Mayor Murguía, through his efforts as mayor, representative, senator, and advisor to the city, the state, and the nation, has continually worked to increase commerce, strengthen small and midsize industrial development, and improve border relations; and

**WHEREAS**, This notable leader has, since 1993, served his community in a variety of posts, including president of the Juárez Municipal Financing Commission and political advisor to the State of Chihuahua; and

**WHEREAS**, Héctor Agustín Murguía Lardizábal has won the admiration of his community through his efforts on behalf of others, and his outstanding management abilities are an inspiration to all who benefit from his counsel; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby welcome Héctor Agustín Murguía Lardizábal, Mayor of Ciudad Juárez, to the State Capitol and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success and happiness; and, be it further

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**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for Mayor Murguía as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 6, 2011.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate