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H.R. No. 259

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, United Way of El Paso County is celebrating 90 years  
2 of meaningful service to the community; and

3 WHEREAS, Organized by members of the Kiwanis Club, United Way  
4 of El Paso County was chartered in 1923 as the El Paso Community  
5 Chest to consolidate the fund-raising efforts of local charitable  
6 groups; that same year, in the first community-wide fund-raising  
7 endeavor in city history, the group initiated a one-week campaign  
8 to collect \$150,000 for various humanitarian projects; and

9 WHEREAS, In 1957, the Community Chest became the United Fund  
10 of El Paso and El Paso County, which was restructured to make  
11 donors, rather than charitable agencies, members of the  
12 corporation; further change came in 1976, when the organization  
13 adopted its current name and broadened its function to include  
14 planning projects and allocating funds; and

15 WHEREAS, Today, United Way of El Paso County is governed by  
16 board members that include community volunteers as well as  
17 representatives from the business, labor, and education sectors;  
18 evolving economic and social conditions of the last decade have led  
19 to a more targeted approach to improving the quality of life of  
20 residents, with education, income, and basic needs now forming the  
21 core of its mission; and

22 WHEREAS, Over the past nine decades, countless area Texans  
23 have benefited from the programs and opportunities provided by  
24 United Way of El Paso County, and it is indeed a pleasure to

1 recognize the organization on the occasion of this milestone year;  
2 now, therefore, be it

3         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
4 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby commemorate the 90th  
5 anniversary of the United Way of El Paso County and commend the many  
6 donors, supporters, and volunteers who have contributed to its  
7 impressive record of community impact; and, be it further

8         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
9 prepared for the organization as an expression of high regard by the  
10 Texas House of Representatives.