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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, In 2013, the Paso del Norte Children's Development
2 Center is celebrating 65 years of supporting and empowering
3 families in El Paso; and

4 WHEREAS, Paso del Norte was chartered in 1948 by a group of
5 hospital volunteers motivated by the desire to help children with
6 disabilities; initially housed in the University Medical Center of
7 El Paso, it has since expanded and adopted a wider scope of services
8 in an effort to give children with special health care needs the
9 best chance to achieve their full potential; and

10 WHEREAS, Today, the center works to fulfill its mission
11 through three major initiatives; its Early Childhood Intervention
12 Program offers an array of services for infants and toddlers with
13 developmental disabilities, its El Papalote Inclusive Child
14 Development Center is the only licensed child-care provider in the
15 area that specializes in children with disabilities, and its
16 Community Resource Center educates and trains parents,
17 professionals, and the general public on issues related to children
18 with disabilities; in 2011, these three departments' combined
19 number of clients totaled nearly 8,200; and

20 WHEREAS, Greatly valued by local citizens, Paso del Norte has
21 been voted the top local nonprofit in the *What's Up* Best of the Best
22 awards every year since 2008; the center also garnered the 2009
23 Cornerstone Award from the Nonprofit Enterprise Center and was
24 recognized by the El Paso Hispanic Chamber of Commerce in 2007; and

1 WHEREAS, The Paso del Norte Children's Development Center has
2 made a meaningful difference in the lives of countless area
3 children and their loved ones, and it is most deserving of special
4 recognition and praise; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
6 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby congratulate the Paso del
7 Norte Children's Development Center on its 65th anniversary and
8 extend to all those associated with the center sincere best wishes
9 for continued success with their important work; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for Paso del Norte as an expression of high regard by the
12 Texas House of Representatives.