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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Brownsville are gathering in Austin on
2 January 29, 2013, to celebrate Brownsville Day at the State
3 Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, The site of Brownsville, originally settled under a
5 1781 Spanish land grant, was the location of a fortification
6 constructed in 1846 by soldiers led by General Zachary Taylor in
7 preparation for the coming war with Mexico; named Fort Brown in
8 honor of Major Jacob Brown, who died in an attack on the United
9 States forces, the area became part of the State of Texas at the
10 signing of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo in 1848; and

11 WHEREAS, Brownsville was made county seat of the new Cameron
12 County in January 1849, and it soon replaced Matamoros as the
13 leading trade center for the area; with the 1850 Census showing
14 two-thirds of the residents from the Eastern United States and the
15 remainder from Mexico, Ireland, France, England, and Germany, the
16 town had already taken on a cosmopolitan and multilingual
17 character; and

18 WHEREAS, Now the largest city in the Lower Rio Grande Valley
19 with more than 175,000 people, Brownsville celebrates its heritage
20 as an active gateway between two countries that are joined by
21 hundreds of years of tradition, history, and family; and

22 WHEREAS, Building on the unique strengths of its population
23 and economic assets, the Brownsville community has come together to
24 develop the Imagine Brownsville Comprehensive Plan, and the United

1 Brownsville Partnership was formed to ensure the implementation of
2 the plan; and

3 WHEREAS, Members of the partnership are committed to
4 maximizing the advantages of their access to a deep-sea port and
5 international markets to create a local economy that will drive
6 prosperity for the region and this state; they include
7 representatives of the City of Brownsville, the Brownsville
8 Navigation District, The University of Texas at Brownsville, the
9 Brownsville Community Improvement Corporation, Texas Southmost
10 College, the Greater Brownsville Improvements Corporation, the
11 Brownsville Independent School District, the Brownsville Public
12 Utilities Board, the Brownsville Chamber of Commerce, the
13 Brownsville Economic Development Council, the Brownsville
14 Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Brownsville South Padre Island
15 International Airport, the United Way of Southern Cameron County,
16 Cameron County, and Workforce Solutions Cameron; and

17 WHEREAS, A dynamic community that draws on a rich history as
18 it prepares for an exciting future, Brownsville has established
19 itself as an outstanding place in which to live and work, and its
20 citizens may take great pride in the area's ongoing achievements;
21 now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
23 Legislature hereby recognize January 29, 2013, as Brownsville Day
24 at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere
25 best wishes for an enjoyable stay in Austin.