

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas House of Representatives is pleased to
2 recognize February 12 and 13, 2013, as El Paso Days at the State
3 Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Located in the westernmost tip of the great state of
5 Texas, the city of El Paso combines a modern metropolis with the
6 charm born of its Spanish origins; the area was named El Paso by the
7 Spanish conquistador Don Juan de Onate because of the shallow place
8 in the river where the colonists crossed en route to Santa Fe, New
9 Mexico; and

10 WHEREAS, The arrival of the railroads in 1881 ushered in an
11 era of prosperity, and El Paso became a flourishing frontier
12 community that has developed into a significant industrial,
13 commercial, and transportation city; and

14 WHEREAS, Today, semitrailers, trains, and planes transport
15 manufactured goods through the border cities at the Pass, just as
16 Spanish traders did in the 16th century when they guided ox-drawn
17 carts along the Camino Real from Mexico City to Santa Fe; and

18 WHEREAS, With a population of more than 665,000, El Paso is
19 the state's sixth-largest city and the 19th-largest city in the
20 United States; it lies on the Rio Grande north of Ciudad Juarez,
21 Mexico's fifth-largest city, with a population of over a million;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, Nearby Fort Bliss, which celebrates its 165th
24 anniversary this year, has just completed the biggest
25 transformation in its history, with a 300 percent increase in its
26 population since 2005 and an investment of \$5 billion in

1 construction for new, top-of-the-line facilities for incoming
2 personnel and their families, including a new billion-dollar
3 military hospital; at the forefront of the U.S. Army's
4 Transformation plan, the post has transitioned from a TRADOC to a
5 FORSCOM installation; and

6 WHEREAS, Dedicated to making their city an even better place
7 to live and work, El Paso citizens voted in favor of three "quality
8 of life" bond propositions in 2012, approving \$473,250,000 for
9 projects by one of the largest voting margins for such proposals in
10 any city in the nation; and

11 WHEREAS, El Paso is a vibrant, bilingual community; its
12 residents enjoy a thriving fine arts community, exemplary
13 educational institutions, and many cultural and historical
14 resources and museums; and

15 WHEREAS, El Paso Days at the State Capitol provide an
16 opportunity to honor El Paso and its rich heritage, which today is
17 enjoyed by residents and vacationers of all ages; now, therefore,
18 be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
20 Legislature hereby recognize February 12 and 13, 2013, as El Paso
21 Days at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation
22 sincere best wishes for an enjoyable and memorable visit to Austin.

Pickett
Marquez
N. Gonzalez of El Paso
Moody
M. Gonzalez of El Paso

Straus	M. Gonzalez of El Paso	Oliveira
Allen	N. Gonzalez of El Paso	Orr
Alonzo	Gooden	Otto
Alvarado	Guerra	Paddie
Anchia	Guillen	Parker
Anderson	Gutierrez	Patrick
Ashby	Harless	Perez
Aycock	Harper-Brown	Perry
Bell	Hernandez Luna	Phillips
Bohac	Herrero	Pickett
Bonnen of Brazoria	Hilderbran	Pitts
Bonnen of Galveston	Howard	Price
Branch	Huberty	Raney
Burkett	Hughes	Ratliff
Burnam	Hunter	Raymond
Button	Isaac	Reynolds
Callegari	Johnson	Riddle
Canales	Kacal	Ritter
Capriglione	Keffer	Rodriguez of Bexar
Carter	King of Hemphill	Rodriguez of Travis
Clardy	King of Parker	Rose
Coleman	King of Taylor	Sanford
Collier	King of Zavala	Schaefer
Cook	Kleinschmidt	Sheets
Cortez	Klick	Sheffield of Bell
Craddick	Kolkhorst	Sheffield of Coryell
Creighton	Krause	Simmons
Crownover	Kuempel	Simpson
Dale	Larson	Smith
Darby	Laubenberg	Smithee
Davis of Dallas	Lavender	Springer
J. Davis of Harris	Leach	Stephenson
S. Davis of Harris	Lewis	Stickland
Deshotel	Longoria	Strama
Dukes	Lozano	Taylor
Dutton	Lucio III	Thompson of Brazoria
Eiland	Marquez	Thompson of Harris
Elkins	Martinez	Toth
Fallon	Martinez Fischer	Turner of Collin
Farias	McClendon	Turner of Harris
Farney	Menendez	Turner of Tarrant
Farrar	Miles	Villalba
Fletcher	Miller of Comal	Villarreal
Flynn	Miller of Fort Bend	Vo
Frank	Moody	Walle
Frullo	Morrison	White
Geren	Munoz, Jr.	Workman
Giddings	Murphy	Wu
Goldman	Naishtat	Zedler
Gonzales	Nevarez	Zerwas

H.R. No. 369

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 369 was adopted by the House on February 12, 2013, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House