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## RESOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, For the third year in a row, the city of El Paso has
- 2 been named as the safest large city in the United States by CQ
- 3 Press; and
- WHEREAS, An independent research and publishing firm, CQ
- 5 Press annually compiles a ranking of cities by their crime rates,
- 6 with the communities being grouped by population size; the most
- 7 recent results were calculated from the FBI Uniform Crime Reporting
- 8 data for 2011, looking at statistics for murder, rape, robbery,
- 9 aggravated assault, burglary, larceny, vehicle theft, and arson;
- 10 and
- 11 WHEREAS, Among cities with populations over 500,000, El Paso
- 12 had the lowest crime rate in the nation, and it also earned that
- 13 notable designation in the two previous CQ Press studies; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Mayor John Cook and Police Chief Greg Allen can take
- 15 great pride in the dedicated efforts of the city's police
- 16 department, which have included a policy of community policing that
- 17 has yielded exemplary results; and
- 18 WHEREAS, Elected officials, law enforcement officers, and
- 19 engaged citizens have pulled together to make El Paso an
- 20 outstanding place to live, work, and raise a family, and their
- 21 success in that initiative is reflected in the city's exemplary
- 22 showing in this important national crime assessment; now,
- 23 therefore, be it
- 24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas

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- 1 Legislature hereby congratulate El Paso on being named the safest
- 2 large city in America by CQ Press and extend to its residents
- 3 sincere best wishes for the future.