SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Border safety is a matter of vital importance, and 3 South Texas has a growing need for highly trained law enforcement

4 professionals to ensure the security of the citizens of the Lone

5 Star State; and

Zapata Counties; and

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WHEREAS, Studies derived from Texas Workforce Commission 6 data indicate that the need for law enforcement personnel such as 7 8 police and sheriff's officers, detectives, and criminal investigators will see a 21 percent increase between 2012 and 2021; 9 10 accordingly, approximately 2,000 new law enforcement positions will be required in Cameron, Hidalgo, Jim Hogg, Starr, Willacy, and 11

13 WHEREAS, In order to prepare for the law enforcement challenges ahead, the City of Pharr, South Texas College, the Pharr 14 15 Police Department, and the Pharr-San Juan-Alamo Independent School District have united to work for the development 16 17 state-of-the-art training complex, the proposed Regional Center for Public Safety Excellence, in Hidalgo County; this complex will 18 benefit the entire region by launching innovative programs in 19 public safety and security, providing initial and continuing 20 education of law enforcement personnel in the Rio Grande Valley; 21 22 individuals will bе able to attain basic peace certification and credit toward an associate of applied science 23 24 degree, or to work toward a wide range of certificates, associate

- 1 degrees, and bachelor's degrees; and
- WHEREAS, The City of Pharr has committed 40 acres for
- 3 construction of the center, which would be funded by local
- 4 community college bond proceeds; the RCPSE would be administered by
- 5 South Texas College in partnership with political subdivisions and
- 6 participating school districts in the Rio Grande Valley, and
- 7 through a memorandum of understanding with the city, the police
- 8 department, and the school district; currently, PSJA ISD offers
- 9 academic and workforce programs leading to certificates and degrees
- 10 in public safety and criminal justice; the Pharr Police Department
- 11 is licensed by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer
- 12 Standards and Education to offer a police academy, and the
- 13 department will ensure that RCPSE programs and course curricula
- 14 satisfy any TCLEOSE requirements for approved training providers;
- 15 and
- 16 WHEREAS, Establishment of a center for public safety
- 17 excellence received overwhelming support in the Texas house, which
- 18 passed House Bill 2883, 83rd Regular Session, with 145 aye votes;
- 19 and
- 20 WHEREAS, All those who are working on this important endeavor
- 21 are making a valuable and lasting contribution to public safety,
- 22 and it is most fitting to recognize them for their commitment to a
- 23 strong and safe Texas; now, therefore, be it
- 24 RESOLVED, That the 83rd Texas Legislature hereby commend the
- 25 City of Pharr, South Texas College, the Pharr Police Department,
- 26 and the Pharr-San Juan-Alamo Independent School District for their
- 27 outstanding collaborative efforts to develop the Regional Center

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- 1 for Public Safety Excellence and to address the critical and
- 2 growing need for highly trained law enforcement personnel in the
- 3 South Texas border region; and, be it further
- 4 RESOLVED, That official copies of this resolution be prepared
- 5 for the city, the college, the police department, and the school
- 6 district as an expression of high regard by the 83rd Texas
- 7 Legislature.

President of the Senate	Speaker of the House
I hereby certify that S.C.R.	No. 46 was adopted by the Senate
on May 26, 2013.	
	Secretary of the Senate
I hereby certify that S.C.R.	No. 46 was adopted by the House
on May 27, 2013.	
	Chief Clerk of the House
Approved:	
Date	
Governor	