

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas House of Representatives is pleased to
2 recognize February 10 and 11, 2015, 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 nearly 700,000, El Paso is the
19 state's sixth-largest city and the 19th-largest city in the United
20 States; one of the largest American cities on the 2,000-mile
21 U.S.-Mexico border, it lies on the Rio Grande north of Ciudad
22 Juarez, Mexico's fifth-largest city, with a population of more than
23 a million; and

24 WHEREAS, Nearby Fort Bliss, which celebrates its 167th

1 anniversary this year, has recently completed the biggest
2 transformation in its history, with a 300 percent increase in its
3 population since 2005 and an investment of \$6 billion in
4 construction for new, top-of-the-line facilities for incoming
5 personnel and their families, including a new billion-dollar
6 military hospital; at the forefront of the U.S. Army's
7 transformation plan, the post has transitioned from a TRADOC to a
8 FORSCOM installation; and

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

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

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
18 Legislature hereby recognize February 10 and 11, 2015, as El Paso
19 Days at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation
20 sincere best wishes for an enjoyable and memorable visit to Austin;
21 and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
23 prepared for the delegation as an expression of high regard by the
24 Texas House of Representatives.

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Allen	Guillen	Paddie
Alonzo	Gutierrez	Parker
Alvarado	Harless	Paul
Anchia	Hernandez	Peña
Anderson of Dallas	Herrero	Phelan
Anderson of McLennan	Howard	Phillips
Ashby	Huberty	Pickett
Aycock	Hughes	Price
Bell	Hunter	Raney
Blanco	Isaac	Raymond
Bohac	Israel	Reynolds
Bonnen of Brazoria	Johnson	Riddle
Bonnen of Galveston	Kacal	Rinaldi
Burkett	Keffer	Rodriguez of Bexar
Burns	Keough	Rodriguez of Travis
Burrows	King of Hemphill	Romero, Jr.
Button	King of Parker	Rose
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Capriglione	King of Uvalde	Schaefer
Clardy	Klick	Schofield
Coleman	Koop	Shaheen
Collier	Krause	Sheets
Cook	Kuempel	Sheffield
Craddick	Landgraf	Simmons
Crownover	Larson	Simpson
Dale	Laubenberg	Smith
Darby	Leach	Smithee
Davis of Dallas	Longoria	Spitzer
Davis of Harris	Lozano	Springer
Deshotel	Lucio III	Stephenson
Dukes	Márquez	Stickland
Dutton	Martinez	Thompson of Brazoria
Elkins	Martinez Fischer	Thompson of Harris
Faircloth	McClendon	Tinderholt
Fallon	Menéndez	Turner of Collin
Farias	Metcalf	Turner of Harris
Farney	Meyer	Turner of Tarrant
Farrar	Miles	VanDeaver
Fletcher	Miller of Comal	Villalba
Flynn	Miller of Fort Bend	Vo
Frank	Moody	Walle
Frullo	Morrison	White of Bell
Galindo	Muñoz, Jr.	White of Tyler
Geren	Murphy	Workman
Giddings	Murr	Wray
Goldman	Naishtat	Wu
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H.R. No. 105

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 105 was adopted by the House on February 11, 2015, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House