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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Paso del Norte Health Foundation is marking its  
2 20th anniversary on September 30, 2015; and

3           WHEREAS, In 1995, the foundation was established to promote  
4 wellness among people in the Paso del Norte region, which includes  
5 El Paso and Hudspeth Counties in Texas, Doña Ana, Luna, and Otero  
6 Counties in New Mexico, and the City of Juarez in Mexico; its  
7 primary focus is to improve quality of life through health  
8 education and disease prevention; and

9           WHEREAS, The foundation benefited from an initial investment  
10 of \$130 million from the sale of the not-for-profit Providence  
11 Memorial Hospital; since the organization's inception, its  
12 administrators have provided skillful stewardship of the  
13 investment trust to ensure that the foundation can continue its  
14 work in behalf of generations to come; and

15           WHEREAS, Maintaining more than \$200 million in holdings, the  
16 Paso del Norte Health Foundation leverages its resources to improve  
17 regional access to clean water, to diminish environmental hazards  
18 from lead and pesticides, and to help achieve reductions in  
19 regional smoking rates, sedentary lifestyles, obesity, and teenage  
20 pregnancy; it also supports child abuse prevention, and it sponsors  
21 a wide range of programs to advance early childhood development,  
22 youth engagement, emotional health, and healthy family and social  
23 environments; and

24           WHEREAS, This noteworthy organization shares with other

1 groups the knowledge gained through its research and analysis; both  
2 in the United States and abroad, its initiatives have been  
3 recognized as worthwhile models for community engagement and the  
4 collaborative development of solutions to complex health issues;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Through its leadership in promoting good health over  
7 the past two decades, the Paso del Norte Health Foundation has made  
8 a lasting, positive difference in quality of life for the people of  
9 the region, and its management and staff may reflect with pride on  
10 the group's many accomplishments; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
12 Legislature hereby commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Paso del  
13 Norte Health Foundation and extend to all those associated with the  
14 organization sincere best wishes for continued success in their  
15 important work; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
17 prepared for the foundation as an expression of high regard by the  
18 Texas House of Representatives.