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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Many proud residents of Pharr are gathering in
2 Austin on March 18, 2015, to celebrate City of Pharr Day at the
3 State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Rich with bicultural diversity, history, and
5 beauty, Pharr is located in the Rio Grande Valley of South Texas,
6 bordering Mexico, one of our nation's most vital strategic
7 partners; the city sits at the major highway crossroads of
8 Interstate 69 and Interstate 2 and serves as both a transportation
9 hub and an important gateway for international business; and

10 WHEREAS, Named for Henry N. Pharr, a sugarcane grower, Pharr
11 was incorporated in 1919; the economy was once based in agriculture
12 but has since diversified greatly in areas such as retail, light
13 manufacturing, entertainment, and shipping; the busy Pharr
14 International Bridge has helped Pharr become the Rio Grande
15 Valley's leader in trade with world partners, and the total trade
16 value reached more than \$30 billion for 2014; and

17 WHEREAS, Pharr features first-class restaurants and
18 nationally recognized retail shopping outlets, and its weather and
19 location make it an attractive destination for sun-loving tourists,
20 birders, and wildlife enthusiasts; the city has a low cost of
21 living, low unemployment, and a young, dynamic workforce, and the
22 Pharr-San Juan-Alamo Independent School District is emphasizing
23 student retention and college readiness; and

24 WHEREAS, Known as the state's first Triple Crown City, Pharr

1 was named a Main Street Community by the National Trust for Historic
2 Preservation and a Preserve America City by the National Advisory
3 Council on Historic Preservation, and it was also designated an
4 All-America City by the National Civic League; and

5 WHEREAS, Pharr leads the region in developing innovative
6 programs to inspire civic pride; these include the Landscape
7 Partnership Program to enhance scenic beauty, City Hall on Call, an
8 initiative bringing municipal leaders and staff into area
9 neighborhoods to meet and consult with residents, and the Rio
10 Grande Valley's first Police Athletic League for community youth;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Pharr is undoubtedly "A City of Firsts," and its
13 residents may indeed take pride in their hometown's impressive
14 growth and ongoing achievements; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
16 Legislature hereby recognize March 18, 2015, as City of Pharr Day at
17 the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere
18 best wishes for an informative and enjoyable stay in Austin.