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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The El Paso Community Foundation is leading the
2 drive to raise an additional \$10 million for the planned children's
3 museum, and it is indeed appropriate to honor this noteworthy
4 organization for its enduring commitment to the city; and

5 WHEREAS, In 1977, the foundation was established as a
6 permanent endowment for the long-term benefit of the area,
7 including far West Texas, southern New Mexico, and northern
8 Chihuahua, Mexico; it promotes local philanthropy and serves as a
9 grant maker and convener, offering resources and expertise in
10 charitable giving to donors, nonprofit organizations, and members
11 of the community; and

12 WHEREAS, The foundation has donated nearly \$165 million to
13 the community since its inception, and it has guided numerous major
14 initiatives; in 2006, it partnered with the City of El Paso to
15 restore the Plaza Theatre Performing Arts Centre, which has
16 received a national Preservation Award from the United States
17 Department of the Interior; the foundation produces the annual
18 Plaza Classic Film Festival, which attracts over 40,000 cinema
19 fans; and

20 WHEREAS, Working to ensure that teachers can obtain
21 much-needed school supplies, the foundation sponsors the Classroom
22 Fund; the organization's Border Art Residency allows artists to
23 focus on their work rather than living expenses, and it is
24 partnering with the City of El Paso in the development of Artspace

1 El Paso, which will offer affordable housing for artists, as well as
2 studio and gallery space; and

3 WHEREAS, El Paso voters approved over \$19 million in bonds
4 for a children's museum in 2012, and by raising additional
5 financial support, the El Paso Community Foundation is helping to
6 bring this important project to fruition; and

7 WHEREAS, Since its inception, the El Paso Community
8 Foundation has contributed immeasurably to the quality of life in
9 the region, and its philanthropic leadership sets a sterling
10 example for all; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
12 Legislature hereby honor the El Paso Community Foundation and
13 extend to all those associated with the organization sincere best
14 wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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