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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, With a unique history spanning more than 150 years,
2 Los Portales is one of El Paso County's cultural treasures; and

3 WHEREAS, Constructed in the 1850s by Gregorio N. Garcia, Los
4 Portales, sometimes known as Casa Garcia, was originally used as a
5 residence; "Don Gregorio" played a prominent role in the community,
6 serving as a captain of the Texas Rangers and as county judge for El
7 Paso County; his son, who bore the same name, became a justice of
8 the peace; and

9 WHEREAS, The one-story adobe brick structure has a flat roof
10 supported by cottonwood rafters; named for its distinctive inset
11 gallery, or "portal," the Territorial Style building also features
12 milled wood supports and pedimented lintels on the frames of
13 windows and doors; and

14 WHEREAS, In 1870, Mr. Garcia donated Los Portales to the town
15 for use as a school; its first teacher, Octaviano Ambrosio
16 Larrazolo, went on to serve as governor of New Mexico and as a
17 United States senator; in the late 1930s, the building was
18 converted into apartments, and it later served as offices for the
19 San Elizario Independent School District; a Recorded Texas Historic
20 Landmark, Los Portales is now owned by the county and operated by
21 the San Elizario Genealogy and Historical Society as a museum and
22 information center; and

23 WHEREAS, The residents of the State of Texas are heirs to an
24 extraordinarily rich heritage, and Los Portales serves as an

1 important reminder of this legacy; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
3 Legislature hereby honor Los Portales and extend to all those
4 associated with the museum sincere best wishes for the future; and,
5 be it further

6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
7 prepared for the museum as an expression of high regard by the Texas
8 House of Representatives.