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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, With a unique history spanning more than 330 years,
2 the Ysleta Mission is one of El Paso County's cultural treasures;
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4 WHEREAS, La Misión de Corpus Christi de San Antonio de la
5 Ysleta del Sur was established along the Rio Grande by Franciscan
6 missionaries in 1680 to serve Tigua Indians who had fled New Mexico
7 as a result of the Pueblo Indian Revolt; the original church, built
8 of mud-chinked logs and willow reeds, was soon replaced with one of
9 adobe, which was consecrated by the Bishop of Tucson in 1682; and

10 WHEREAS, Over the next two centuries, the Ysleta Mission was
11 damaged several times by floodwaters, but it was always restored or
12 rebuilt; another consequence of flooding, however, has proved
13 enduring: between 1829 and 1831, the course of the Rio Grande
14 shifted from north of the mission to south of it, and when the river
15 was established as the international border in 1848, the mission
16 officially became part of the United States; and

17 WHEREAS, In 1881, the Ysleta Mission was transferred to the
18 Jesuit order; the mission's first school was opened in 1918, and it
19 was eventually split into two schools that operated until 2005,
20 when one of them was closed; since 1991, the mission has been the
21 responsibility of the Conventual Franciscan order; the Tiguas
22 continue to be associated with the mission and observe several
23 ritual days there every year, the most important of which is the
24 Feast of Saint Anthony of Padua; and

1 WHEREAS, The residents of the State of Texas are heirs to an
2 extraordinarily rich heritage, and the Ysleta Mission serves as an
3 important reminder of this legacy; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
5 Legislature hereby honor the Ysleta Mission and extend to all those
6 associated with the mission sincere best wishes for the future;
7 and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for the mission as an expression of high regard by the
10 Texas House of Representatives.