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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, La Entrada al Pacifico is a state and federally
2 designated trade corridor that is designed to connect West Texas
3 with the Pacific port of Topolobampo in the state of Sinaloa,
4 Mexico; and

5 WHEREAS, The concept of this major new trade corridor, "the
6 Gateway to the Pacific," was envisioned in the 1990s to maximize the
7 opportunities created by the North American Free Trade Agreement;
8 it has been developed by a dynamic coalition that includes the
9 Midland-Odessa Transportation Alliance and the Departments of
10 Economic Development of the States of Chihuahua, Sinaloa, and
11 Durango; and

12 WHEREAS, In the past two decades, trade with Mexico has
13 continued to grow, and this new corridor will increase trade
14 between West Texas and Chihuahua, one of the Lone Star State's
15 largest export markets; moreover, it will link the Midland-Odessa
16 area with the Pacific Rim and East Asian nations through
17 Topolobampo, a closer and less expensive alternative to the crowded
18 Port of Los Angeles, and it will ease pressure on the highly
19 congested international crossing at El Paso; and

20 WHEREAS, The corridor will offer enormous opportunities in
21 the Permian Basin and beyond for commercial growth in warehousing,
22 distribution, manufacturing, and assembly; many cities located
23 along Interstate Highways 20 and 10 stand to benefit, among them
24 Abilene, Fort Worth, and Dallas; and

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1 WHEREAS, The future prosperity of the Lone Star State depends
2 on the ability of its business sector to embrace global economic
3 expansion, and the completion of La Entrada al Pacifico will be a
4 crucial step toward this goal; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
6 Legislature hereby express support for La Entrada al Pacifico
7 international trade corridor.