

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 76

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the Paso del Norte Health Foundation on the occasion of its 20th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, Founded on September 30, 1995, the foundation was established to serve the communities of the Paso del Norte region; the region includes El Paso and Hudspeth Counties in Texas, Dona Ana, Luna, and Otero Counties in New Mexico, and the City of Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico; and

WHEREAS, The foundation's leadership in health promotion and disease prevention has played a significant role in the improved health and quality of life of the region's residents; and

WHEREAS, The foundation's numerous health improvement initiatives have been recognized by its peers in the United States and in other countries as exemplary initiatives that can be used in numerous communities to solve complex health issues; and

WHEREAS, The foundation's leaders maintain the trust of the initial investment of \$130 million received from the sale of the nonprofit Providence Memorial Hospital; and

WHEREAS, The foundation's goal of maintaining the investment trust for generations to come has provided the Paso del Norte region with resources for health promotion and disease prevention projects while still maintaining more than \$200 million in holdings; and

WHEREAS, The foundation and its community partners collaboratively develop health initiatives to bring about a significant reduction in the number of area citizens who smoke and have sedentary lifestyles and to prevent teenage pregnancy

and obesity; their initiatives have also been responsible for significant improvements in regional access to clean water, school health programs, early childhood development programs, and lead and pesticide education; and

WHEREAS, As an accountable community leader, the foundation shares what is learned through evaluation and research with other areas of the world so that its initiatives can be refined or replicated and to prevent inappropriate duplication of effort; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 84th Legislature, hereby commend the Paso del Norte Health Foundation on its outstanding service to the people of the Paso del Norte region and extend congratulations to all associated with the foundation on the occasion of its 20th anniversary; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the foundation as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Rodriguez

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 10, 2015.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate