

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1033

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize El Paso's Volar Center for Independent Living as a champion of the Americans with Disabilities Act and July 26, 2015, as Volar CIL Americans with Disabilities Act Enforcement Day; and

**WHEREAS**, July 26, 2015, marks the 25th anniversary of the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act by President George H. W. Bush; this landmark legislation was passed to ensure the civil rights of citizens with disabilities and to establish a clear and comprehensive national mandate for the elimination of discrimination against those individuals; and

**WHEREAS**, The City of El Paso has long been a leader in supporting and promoting the rights of people with disabilities, and its voters passed an ordinance outlawing such discrimination a year before the national law was enacted; and

**WHEREAS**, The Volar Center for Independent Living has worked with city officials to help citizens with disabilities make the transition from institutional housing to homes of their choice and to remove remaining barriers to fair housing for all; and

**WHEREAS**, The center has also been instrumental in ensuring that the city's policies and facilities are in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and has introduced the city to such initiatives as the Building Community Capacity Program and the nationwide Youth Leadership Forum; the center is truly deserving of recognition for its exceptional work on protecting and preserving the rights of El Pasoans with disabilities; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 84th Legislature, hereby commend the management and staff of the Volar Center for Independent Living on their commitment to serving El Paso's citizens with disabilities and extend to them best wishes for a productive Volar CIL Americans with Disabilities Act Enforcement Day; and, be it further

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

Rodríguez

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 29, 2015.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate