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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The year 2017 marks the 80th anniversary of the
2 founding of the Brownsville Chamber of Commerce; and

3 WHEREAS, This vital organization traces its roots back to as
4 early as 1906, when a number of local residents began working
5 together to establish a junior college, develop an airport and a
6 deep-water port, and foster stronger economic ties with Mexico; the
7 group constructed its first office building in 1927 and earned its
8 charter as the Brownsville Chamber of Commerce in July 1937; and

9 WHEREAS, Since its inception, the nonprofit has remained
10 committed to its mission of promoting local economic growth through
11 advocacy, leadership, and business-building initiatives, and today
12 it boasts more than 700 business memberships; and

13 WHEREAS, The chamber has additionally benefited the
14 community by founding numerous events, programs, and institutions,
15 including Charro Days, the Sombrero Festival, the Mr. Amigo
16 Association, the Brownsville Convention and Visitors Bureau,
17 Leadership Brownsville, Brownsville Crime Stoppers, and Healthy
18 Communities of Brownsville; moreover, its support was instrumental
19 in the creation of Texas Southmost College, the Port of
20 Brownsville, the Brownsville South Padre Island International
21 Airport, and the Brownsville Economic Development Council; and

22 WHEREAS, In 2016, the chamber was selected by the U.S. Small
23 Business Administration to host the Women's Business Center of
24 Cameron County; one of five such organizations in the Lone Star

1 State, the center is dedicated to enabling and empowering female
2 entrepreneurs through programs and services focused on advocacy,
3 education, support, and outreach; and

4 WHEREAS, The Brownsville Chamber of Commerce has
5 demonstrated a long-standing commitment to furthering prosperity
6 in this South Texas community, and its members may indeed reflect
7 with great pride on the contributions the organization has made
8 over the past eight decades; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
10 Legislature hereby commemorate the 80th anniversary of the
11 Brownsville Chamber of Commerce and extend to its members sincere
12 best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for the chamber as an expression of high regard by the
15 Texas House of Representatives.