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H.R. No. 972

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Ground was broken in March 2017 for construction of
2 the Regional Center for Public Safety Excellence in Pharr, bringing
3 to fruition a unique collaboration between South Texas College, the
4 City of Pharr, and the Pharr-San Juan-Alamo Independent School
5 District; and

6 WHEREAS, This new regional center will meet the growing law
7 enforcement needs of the Rio Grande Valley by providing basic
8 training and certification for entry-level peace officers as well
9 as continuing education classes for the area's police veterans,
10 with all instructional programs satisfying the requirements
11 established by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement; when it is
12 completed, this state-of-the-art 21,800-square-foot facility will
13 include classrooms, administrative offices, a vehicle-driving
14 range, an outdoor shooting range, and a firearms simulator; it is
15 slated to open by the end of 2017; and

16 WHEREAS, In support of this worthwhile project, the City of
17 Pharr has contributed 59 acres of land worth \$2.5 million, while the
18 PSJA ISD has contributed an additional 10 acres; the district has
19 also contributed \$1 million to the venture for the construction of
20 four classrooms to serve the needs of dual-enrollment students in
21 criminal justice and other public safety programs; and

22 WHEREAS, The center will be run under the auspices of South
23 Texas College, which will offer a broader range of degree and
24 certificate programs in criminal justice; the center will expand

1 early college opportunities for the students of PSJA ISD, and it
2 will offer adults in the community access to degree, certification,
3 and other advanced training programs in a number of careers; and

4 WHEREAS, This noteworthy collaborative effort will fill a
5 long-standing need for regional law enforcement training while also
6 creating jobs in the Rio Grande Valley, and the project's three
7 partners may indeed take great pride in their foresight,
8 initiative, and commitment to improving educational opportunities
9 in the area; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
11 Legislature hereby commend South Texas College, the City of Pharr,
12 and the Pharr-San Juan-Alamo Independent School District for the
13 creation of the Regional Center for Public Safety Excellence and
14 extend to all those associated with the project sincere best wishes
15 for success in their shared enterprise; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
17 prepared for South Texas College, the City of Pharr, and Pharr-San
18 Juan-Alamo ISD as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of
19 Representatives.