

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The celebration of Rio Grande International Trade  
2 Day at the State Capitol on March 30, 2017, provides a welcome  
3 opportunity to highlight cross-border commerce as a driving  
4 economic force in South Texas; and

5           WHEREAS, Each year, Texas sends about 36 percent of the  
6 state's total exports to Mexico, and in 2015, those exports totaled  
7 nearly \$92.5 million; goods exported to Mexico include computer and  
8 electronic products, petroleum and coal products, chemicals,  
9 machinery, and transportation equipment, all of which are produced  
10 by industries that supply hundreds of thousands of jobs to the Lone  
11 Star State; and

12           WHEREAS, Since 1994, when the North American Free Trade  
13 Agreement was ratified, the export of U.S. goods to Mexico has  
14 risen 325 percent, while imports into the United States from Mexico  
15 have increased 458 percent; in 2012, Americans spent \$277.5 billion  
16 for goods from Mexico, and Mexico is America's third-largest  
17 supplier of oil, after Canada and Saudi Arabia; additionally,  
18 nearly half of the tomatoes and two-thirds of the mangoes consumed  
19 in the United States come from Mexico; and

20           WHEREAS, This trade is especially critical to Texas border  
21 cities, counties, and businesses; policy leaders in the field of  
22 economic development have noted that the steady flow of trade and  
23 visitors through the Rio Grande Valley is a source of economic  
24 vitality; during the 2008-2009 recession, the region was not hit as

1 hard as many other parts of the nation, and over the past decade,  
2 despite the devaluation of the peso, the RGV has continued to grow,  
3 not just in population but in terms of retail sales taxes, permits,  
4 and residential and commercial construction; and

5 WHEREAS, Mexico is the largest trading partner of Texas and  
6 the third largest of the United States, and continued support for  
7 vibrant international trade between our two nations is crucial to  
8 the future prosperity of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
10 Legislature hereby recognize March 30, 2017, as Rio Grande  
11 International Trade Day at the State Capitol and extend to all those  
12 participating sincere best wishes for a productive and enjoyable  
13 visit to Austin.

Canales

Straus	Goldman	Oliverson
Allen	Gonzales of Williamson	Ortega
Alonzo	González of El Paso	Paddie
Alvarado	Gooden	Parker
Anchia	Guerra	Paul
Anderson of Dallas	Guillen	Perez
Anderson of McLennan	Gutierrez	Phelan
Arévalo	Hefner	Phillips
Ashby	Hernandez	Pickett
Bailes	Herrero	Price
Bell	Hinojosa	Raney
Bernal	Holland	Raymond
Biedermann	Howard	Reynolds
Blanco	Huberty	Rinaldi
Bohac	Hunter	Roberts
Bonnen of Brazoria	Isaac	Rodriguez of Bexar
Bonnen of Galveston	Israel	Rodriguez of Travis
Burkett	Johnson of Dallas	Romero, Jr.
Burns	Johnson of Harris	Rose
Burrows	Kacal	Sanford
Button	Keough	Schaefer
Cain	King of Hemphill	Schofield
Canales	King of Parker	Schubert
Capriglione	King of Uvalde	Shaheen
Clardy	Klick	Sheffield
Coleman	Koop	Shine
Collier	Krause	Simmons
Cook	Kuempel	Smithee
Cortez	Lambert	Springer
Cosper	Landgraf	Stephenson
Craddick	Lang	Stickland
Cyrier	Larson	Stucky
Dale	Laubenberg	Swanson
Darby	Leach	Thierry
Davis of Dallas	Longoria	Thompson of Brazoria
Davis of Harris	Lozano	Thompson of Harris
Dean	Lucio III	Tinderholt
Deshotel	Martinez	Turner
Dukes	Metcalf	Uresti
Dutton	Meyer	VanDeaver
Elkins	Miller	Villalba
Faircloth	Minjarez	Vo
Fallon	Moody	Walle
Farrar	Morrison	White
Flynn	Muñoz, Jr.	Wilson
Frank	Murphy	Workman
Frullo	Murr	Wray
Geren	Neave	Wu
Gervin-Hawkins	Nevárez	Zedler
Giddings	Oliveira	Zerwas

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1173 was adopted by the House on March 30, 2017, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House