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1 CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

- 2 WHEREAS, La Entrada al Pacifico is a state and federally
- 3 designated trade corridor that is designed to connect West Texas
- 4 with the Pacific port of Topolobampo in the state of Sinaloa,
- 5 Mexico; and
- 6 WHEREAS, This major new trade corridor, "the Gateway to the
- 7 Pacific," was conceived in the 1990s to maximize the opportunities
- 8 created by the North American Free Trade Agreement; the project has
- 9 been advanced by a dynamic coalition that includes the
- 10 Midland-Odessa Transportation Alliance and the economic
- 11 development departments of the States of Chihuahua, Sinaloa, and
- 12 Durango; and
- WHEREAS, Over the past two decades, trade with Mexico has
- 14 continued to grow, and this new corridor will increase trade
- 15 between West Texas and Chihuahua, one of the Lone Star State's
- 16 largest export markets; and
- 17 WHEREAS, The corridor will allow businesses in the
- 18 Midland-Odessa area to access the Pacific Rim and East Asian
- 19 nations through Topolobampo, a closer and less expensive
- 20 alternative to the crowded Port of Los Angeles, and it will ease
- 21 pressure on the highly congested international crossing at El Paso;
- 22 and
- 23 WHEREAS, The corridor will provide the communities it serves
- 24 with enormous opportunities to participate in global economic

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- 1 expansion, and its completion will contribute significantly to the
- 2 prosperity of Texas, Chihuahua, Durango, and Sinaloa; now,
- 3 therefore, be it
- 4 RESOLVED, That the 85th Legislature of the State of Texas
- 5 hereby express support for the completion of La Entrada al Pacifico
- 6 international trade corridor.