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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Brownsville are celebrating the  
2 166th anniversary of the incorporation of their city on February 7,  
3 2019; and

4 WHEREAS, The origins of Brownsville trace back to a small  
5 settlement surrounding Fort Brown, a United States military outpost  
6 constructed in 1846; it was named in honor of Major Jacob Brown, who  
7 was killed during an attack on the fort at the onset of the  
8 Mexican-American War; in 1848, the same year the area became part of  
9 the State of Texas following the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, the  
10 settlement was established as Brownsville, and the city was  
11 incorporated in 1853; and

12 WHEREAS, Brownsville became a center of trade with Mexico and  
13 European nations; the city forged ahead in the 20th century with the  
14 installation of railroads, expanded commercial farming, and, by  
15 1936, a shipping channel and port to the Gulf of Mexico; as the  
16 population has grown from just 6,000 in 1900 to more than 180,000  
17 today, the city has maintained its reputation as a hub of  
18 international culture; the largest city in the Rio Grande Valley,  
19 it serves as an active gateway between two countries that are joined  
20 by hundreds of years of custom and family; and

21 WHEREAS, Residents of Brownsville have fostered a tradition  
22 of progress that continues into the new millennium; in 2001 and  
23 2014, it was named an All-American City by the National Civic League  
24 for its outstanding accomplishments toward improving economic

1 development, community health, and civic engagement; and

2 WHEREAS, Celebrating their rich history as they work to build  
3 an even brighter future, the citizens of Brownsville are  
4 justifiably proud of their community, and it is indeed fitting to  
5 honor their contributions to the story of the Lone Star State; now,  
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
8 Legislature hereby commemorate the 166th anniversary of the  
9 incorporation of Brownsville and extend to its residents sincere  
10 best wishes for continued success and happiness; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
12 prepared for the City of Brownsville as an expression of high regard  
13 by the Texas House of Representatives.