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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of El Paso are gathering in Austin to  
2 celebrate February 18 through 20, 2019, as El Paso Days at the State  
3 Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, This vibrant, bilingual, and bicultural community  
5 has exemplary educational institutions, museums, and historical  
6 sites and many cultural and fine arts offerings that attract  
7 residents and visitors alike; and

8 WHEREAS, Recently designated as an All-America City by the  
9 National Civic League, El Paso may be commended for its civic  
10 accomplishments, innovation, inclusiveness, public engagement, and  
11 cross-sector collaboration; furthermore, it is consistently rated  
12 as one of the safest cities in the nation because of its outstanding  
13 law enforcement agencies and the commitment of all members of the  
14 community; and

15 WHEREAS, It is the home of The University of Texas at El Paso,  
16 which received the coveted R1 designation from the Carnegie  
17 Classification of Institutions of Higher Education for its very  
18 high level of research activity, a designation that additionally  
19 highlights UTEP's continuing commitment to maintaining excellence  
20 and providing access to a diverse, 21st-century demographic; and

21 WHEREAS, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso  
22 became a stand-alone health sciences center in 2013, making it the  
23 fourth and newest member of the Texas Tech University System; the  
24 center is composed of the Paul L. Foster School of Medicine, the

1 Gayle Greve Hunt School of Nursing, and the Graduate School of  
2 Biomedical Sciences; headed by Dr. Richard Lange, the university  
3 enrolls more than 1,000 students, is home to the first medical  
4 school on the nation's southern border, and conducts important  
5 research focused on cancer, diabetes and obesity, infectious  
6 diseases, and the neurosciences; TTUHSC El Paso will soon add the  
7 Woody L. Hunt School of Dental Medicine, elevating access to  
8 critical dental care for West Texans; and

9 WHEREAS, El Paso has a long and notable association with the  
10 171-year-old Fort Bliss, which has recently undergone a major  
11 transformation; the base of the 1st Armored Division, "America's  
12 Tank Division," Fort Bliss has seen a 300 percent increase in its  
13 population since 2005 and a \$6 billion investment in the  
14 construction of new facilities; it is at the forefront of the  
15 U.S. Army's transformation plans, evolving from a training  
16 facility to a forces command post; and

17 WHEREAS, An area with a rich and fascinating heritage, El  
18 Paso has contributed immeasurably to the story of the Lone Star  
19 State, and its citizens should take great pride in the  
20 extraordinary city they call home; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
22 Legislature hereby recognize February 18 through 20, 2019, as El  
23 Paso Days at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation  
24 sincere best wishes for a meaningful and memorable stay in Austin.