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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Texas Border Coalition is a group of elected  
2 officials and business leaders who strive to speak for the people  
3 who live, work, and raise families along the border between Texas  
4 and Mexico; and

5           WHEREAS, Approximately 2.5 million Texans in 17 counties live  
6 along the state's 1,250-mile international border; these residents  
7 witness firsthand the vitality and distinct sense of place of this  
8 multicultural region, experiencing in their daily lives its  
9 contrasts and similarities in languages, cultures, traditions, and  
10 economies; and

11           WHEREAS, Each day, \$2 billion in economic activity takes  
12 place at the United States-Mexico ports of entry, and the Texas  
13 Border Coalition is committed to developing innovative policies and  
14 legislation at the national, state, and regional levels that will  
15 help the region prosper and grow; it works closely with state and  
16 federal lawmakers to support investments in transportation,  
17 immigration and border security, workforce and economic  
18 development, and health care; and

19           WHEREAS, Working on behalf of all border communities, the  
20 coalition benefits from the leadership of its current chair, Mayor  
21 Pete Saenz of Laredo, its chair-elect, Cameron County Judge Eddie  
22 Treviño Jr., and its vice-chair Sergio Contreras, president and CEO  
23 of the Rio Grande Valley Partnership; and

24           WHEREAS, The Texas Border Coalition seeks to ensure a better

1 quality of life for the residents of the Texas-Mexico border region  
2 by working to develop economic development opportunities and  
3 sustainable incomes in a healthy and safe environment; now,  
4 therefore, be it

5         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
6 Legislature hereby honor the Texas Border Coalition and extend to  
7 its leadership and members sincere best wishes for continued  
8 success in their important work; and, be it further

9         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
10 prepared for the coalition as an expression of high regard by the  
11 Texas House of Representatives.