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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, For more than a century, Edinburg has been one of the
2 leading cities of the Rio Grande Valley, and this remarkable
3 community is truly deserving of special recognition; and

4 WHEREAS, The county seat of Hidalgo County, Edinburg has been
5 named an "All-America City" on three occasions, more than any other
6 city in the Valley; this is the most prestigious municipal
7 recognition in the nation, awarded to only 10 communities across
8 the nation each year; and

9 WHEREAS, Edinburg is one of the fastest-growing communities
10 in the Valley, in terms of population growth as well as construction
11 of new single-family and multifamily residences; a center for
12 education, sports, and the arts, it is home to the main campus and
13 medical school of The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, as well
14 as H-E-B Park, a professional soccer stadium, and the Bert Ogden
15 Arena, a state-of-the-art concert venue; and

16 WHEREAS, The City of Edinburg is a regional hub for health
17 care, home to South Texas Health System and Doctors Hospital at
18 Renaissance, and for nearly four decades, it has hosted the annual
19 All-America City David Chavana 10K Run/Walk, one of the largest
20 such races in Texas; the city is likewise committed to economic
21 development through its Small Business Renovation and Improvements
22 Grant program, helping small businesses thrive through the
23 restoration and beautification of their properties; and

24 WHEREAS, In recent years, Edinburg has become a focal point

1 for the border security efforts of the state and federal
2 governments; the U.S. Customs and Border Patrol RGV Sector is
3 headquartered in the city, overseeing nine offices and two
4 checkpoints covering more than 34 counties along the U.S.-Mexico
5 border, and the city's South Texas International Airport is
6 likewise the headquarters of the airborne efforts of the Texas
7 Department of Public Safety in the region; and

8 WHEREAS, In 2010, the city was celebrated as "the Hometown of
9 Heroes" by Governor Rick Perry in recognition of two local heroes,
10 U. S. Army Private Pedro Cano and U.S. Marine Corps Sergeant Freddy
11 Gonzalez, who were each awarded both the Congressional and Texas
12 Legislative Medals of Honor; and

13 WHEREAS, Through its efforts to raise awareness of community
14 needs and promote civic engagement, this dynamic city is working to
15 address critical issues, solve challenges, and create stronger
16 community connections among its residents, businesses, nonprofits,
17 and government leaders; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
19 Legislature hereby honor the City of Edinburg for its history and
20 record of achievement and extend to the city's public officials and
21 citizens sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
23 prepared for the City of Edinburg as an expression of high regard by
24 the Texas House of Representatives.