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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, a delegation comprised of community and business  
2 leaders of the Great City of Eagle Pass, Texas are gathering in  
3 Austin to celebrate the 2019 Eagle Pass Legislative Days on March 6  
4 & 7 at the State Capitol; and

5           WHEREAS, the City of Eagle Pass is located in Maverick County  
6 along the United States and Mexico border in southwest Texas,  
7 commonly referred to as the Middle Rio Grande Region, is divided by  
8 a natural barrier known as the Rio Grande River, was established in  
9 1849, and serves as the county seat; the city was originally named  
10 El Paso del Aguila because of the frequent flights of Mexican eagles  
11 over the area; and

12           WHEREAS, artifacts uncovered throughout Eagle Pass and the  
13 region attest to the presence of hunter-gatherers in prehistoric  
14 times; the area was also visited by Spanish explorers and settlers,  
15 who traversed the Camino Real, later known as Old San Antonio Road,  
16 in greater numbers than in any other section of the state; various  
17 expeditions, including that of Alonso de León in 1690, served to  
18 forge the trail and elevate its significance in the early history of  
19 Texas; and

20           WHEREAS, In the tumultuous years of the Civil War, Eagle Pass  
21 was employed as a trade depot for the Military Board of Texas, and  
22 Fort Duncan to its north was occupied by Confederate troops; after  
23 the fort's abandonment during the war, Indian populations seized  
24 control of the region, leading to several violent skirmishes, and

1           WHEREAS, Today, the City of Eagle Pass officials are  
2 committed to working together to create jobs, encourage young  
3 people, and improve the quality of life in their region of the  
4 state; among the accomplishments in recent years are an addition  
5 renovated public library, revitalized downtown, completion of  
6 infrastructure projects at ports of entry, upgraded parks with the  
7 addition of a skatepark, and construction of a new public safety  
8 building; and

9           WHEREAS, the City of Eagle Pass has established a Business &  
10 Economic Development Committee (BEDC), which serves as a special  
11 advisory committee to the mayor and city council, that includes  
12 nine standing committees, and works through collaborative efforts  
13 with the public and private sector groups to support economic  
14 development in Eagle Pass and its region to attract and retain solid  
15 business, industry, and trade, as well as affordable housing;  
16 specific goals include expanding the region's transportation and  
17 infrastructure, health care services, and the establishment of a  
18 four-year college to augment local institutions Sul Ross State  
19 University Rio Grande College and Southwest Texas Junior College;  
20 and

21           WHEREAS, With three international bridges, including a rail  
22 bridge, Eagle Pass and Maverick County have become an important  
23 port of entry for international commerce that supports over 25.2  
24 billion dollars in manufacture goods, and averaging 10,000 cars,  
25 700 commercial trucks, and 3,000 pedestrians daily, and over  
26 450,000 rail cars annually, and where the city hosted the first Babe  
27 Ruth World Series last summer with teams from throughout the United

1 States, and the Kickapoo Traditional Tribe of Texas provides an  
2 important source of jobs, revenue, and tourism; visitors to the  
3 region can also learn about area history at Fort Duncan Park and San  
4 Juan Plaza and enjoy outdoor recreation at Maverick County Lake;  
5 moreover, they can stroll the streets of historic downtown Eagle  
6 Pass, which has been designated as a Texas Main Street City by the  
7 Texas Historical Commission; and

8 WHEREAS, the City of Eagle Pass is led by Mayor Ramsey  
9 English-Cantu, Mayor Pro-tem Yolanda Ramon, Councilmen Rudy  
10 Villalpando, Luis Sifuentes, and William "Billy" Davis and  
11 represent residents that are justifiably proud of their  
12 contributions to the Lone Star State, and it is most fitting that  
13 they be honored on this special day; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
15 Legislature hereby recognizes the 2019 Eagle Pass Legislative Days  
16 at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere  
17 best wishes for a meaningful and memorable stay in Austin.