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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The city of Austin celebrated the 50th anniversary
2 of its sister city relationship with Saltillo, Coahuila, Mexico, in
3 November 2018, and is further commemorating the cities' partnership
4 with "Saltillo Day in Austin" on April 6, 2019; and

5 WHEREAS, Promoting mutually advantageous connections, the
6 sister city alliance stems from the Sister Cities International
7 initiative created in 1956 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower; the
8 program advances peace and prosperity through cultural,
9 educational, humanitarian, and economic development efforts; and

10 WHEREAS, Saltillo, the capital of the state of Coahuila, in
11 northeastern Mexico, was one of the first of Austin's sister
12 cities; the pair's status as sister cities was established in 1968
13 as an outgrowth of policies enacted by the Texas Good Neighbor
14 Commission, and over the past five decades, the cities have
15 exemplified the spirit of friendship, cooperation, and reciprocity
16 that is at the core of the program's mission; and

17 WHEREAS, Since the 1980s, delegations from both cities have
18 made annual exchange visits to discuss such issues as education,
19 culture, economic development, and municipal services, with an
20 emphasis on sharing resources and working mutually to meet one
21 another's needs; these visits have evolved into the cross-border
22 observances of "Austin Day in Saltillo" and "Saltillo Day in
23 Austin," occasions that have helped generate more opportunities for
24 residents in each community to learn about the culture, businesses,

1 food, customs, and people of their sister city; and

2 WHEREAS, For half a century, the special bond enjoyed by the
3 cities of Austin and Saltillo has provided myriad benefits to their
4 citizens, and it is a pleasure to join in celebrating the longevity
5 of this unique and vibrant partnership; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
7 Legislature hereby commemorate the 50th anniversary of the sister
8 city relationship between Austin and Saltillo and extend to all
9 those associated with the program best wishes for a memorable
10 "Saltillo Day in Austin."