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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Pedro Alvarez, Pharr District engineer for the Texas Department of Transportation, received the President's Transportation Award for Planning from the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials at the group's annual awards ceremony on November 9, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Each year, the AASHTO honors select members for their exemplary service and positive impact on transportation nationwide or on a regional basis with the President's Transportation Awards; and

WHEREAS, "Pete" Alvarez is one of only eight individuals from across the country to receive this prestigious honor in 2020; he is being recognized for his outstanding achievement in leading the consolidation of three regional planning agencies into a single combined organization; the result of his efforts, the Rio Grande Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization, serves more than 1.4 million people and will allow the Rio Grande Valley to compete for funding opportunities for infrastructure and to create the possibility for future economic development; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of The University of Texas at Austin, Mr. Alvarez joined TxDOT full-time in 1995 as an engineering assistant at the Pharr District office; he earned his professional engineer's license in 1999 and for a decade served as the Pharr district design, construction, and assistant area engineer; from 2007 until 2013, he was the director of maintenance, and in 2013 he became the deputy district engineer; after two years as the Laredo district engineer, Mr. Alvarez returned to his home district to shepherd the agency consolidation; and

WHEREAS, The skill, professionalism, and commitment to excellence demonstrated by Pete Alvarez have made him an important asset to TxDOT, and he may reflect with pride on his accomplishments, knowing that he has rendered invaluable service to his fellow citizens; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas Legislature hereby congratulate Pete Alvarez on his receipt of the 2020 President's Transportation Award for Planning from the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for Mr. Alvarez as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.