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H.R. No. 479

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The El Paso Hispanic Chamber of Commerce has made
2 many vital contributions to the city's business community over the
3 past three decades; and

4 WHEREAS, Since its establishment in the early 1990s, the
5 chamber has been an essential resource for minority and women-owned
6 businesses in El Paso, offering programs and support to help them
7 grow their enterprises and achieve success; and

8 WHEREAS, The chamber has two offices, one in downtown El Paso
9 and the other near Fort Bliss, and its 18 bilingual full-time staff
10 members are deeply versed in the complexities and sensitivities of
11 the El Paso market; since 2003, the organization has served more
12 than 67,000 clients, helped start more than 30,000 businesses, and
13 assisted over 34,000 businesses in staying open; it has also been
14 instrumental in the creation of more than 44,400 jobs, and its
15 impact on the El Paso economy is conservatively estimated to be more
16 than \$1.1 billion; and

17 WHEREAS, Among its accolades, the chamber has been honored as
18 Large Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of the Year three times by the
19 U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and its CEO, Cindy
20 Ramos-Davidson, was recognized as USHCC Chamber Executive of the
21 Year for three years in a row; the Texas Association of Mexican
22 American Chambers of Commerce named the El Paso Chamber as Large
23 Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of the Year on five occasions, and the
24 chamber took TAMACC's top prize in 2015; with support from the

1 chamber, individual members have received recognition on multiple
2 occasions from the Minority Enterprise Development Week awards
3 program; and

4 WHEREAS, The El Paso Hispanic Chamber of Commerce plays an
5 integral role in the prosperity and growth of the region, and the
6 organization is indeed deserving of recognition for its long record
7 of success in supporting a diverse business community; now,
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
10 Legislature hereby commend the El Paso Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
11 for its contributions to the business community and extend to all
12 those associated with the chamber sincere best wishes for continued
13 success in their important work; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for the El Paso Hispanic Chamber of Commerce as an
16 expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.