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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, During the weeks that followed the mass shooting at
2 the Cielo Vista Walmart in El Paso on August 3, 2019, the Zaragoza
3 Rotary Club partnered with El Paso City Council member Henry Rivera
4 to maintain the temporary memorial that was created to honor the 22
5 people who lost their lives on that tragic day; and

6 WHEREAS, To commemorate those who were killed in the horrific
7 attack, El Pasoans began visiting and bringing flowers, candles,
8 stuffed animals, signs, and other items to a makeshift memorial
9 overlooking the Walmart parking lot; soon after, El Paso City
10 Representative Henry Rivera recognized the need to tidy up the
11 memorial, and he went on to enlist the help of the Zaragoza Rotary
12 Club of El Paso, which volunteered to make weekly visits to the site
13 before a permanent structure could be established; and

14 WHEREAS, Rotary Club volunteers removed wilting flowers from
15 the memorial, which were then taken to the El Paso Zoo to be
16 recycled into compost; the organization continued performing this
17 service until the store reopened on November 14 and the memorial was
18 removed; on November 23, a permanent monument called the "Grand
19 Candela," a 30-foot-tall illuminated obelisk, was unveiled and
20 dedicated to each of the victims and survivors of the tragedy; and

21 WHEREAS, In the immediate aftermath of the horrific events of
22 August 3, 2019, El Pasoans gathered at the makeshift memorial to
23 mourn and pay their respects to the innocent people whose lives were
24 cut short by an appalling act of violence, and Representative Henry

1 Rivera and the Zaragoza Rotary Club are deserving of praise for
2 their commitment to ensuring that the site received the care that it
3 deserved; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
5 Legislature hereby commend El Paso City Representative Henry Rivera
6 and the Zaragoza Rotary Club of El Paso for their efforts to
7 maintain the temporary memorial at the Cielo Vista Walmart in El
8 Paso and extend to them sincere best wishes for the future; and, be
9 it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for Representative Rivera and the Zaragoza Rotary Club as
12 an expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.