

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 80

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the City of Brownsville in honor of the 168th anniversary of the city's incorporation, which took place on February 7, 2021; and

WHEREAS, The origins of Brownsville trace back to a small settlement surrounding Fort Brown, a United States military outpost constructed in 1846; it was named in honor of Major Jacob Brown, who was killed during an attack on the fort at the onset of the Mexican-American War; in 1848, the same year the area became part of the State of Texas following the Treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo, the settlement was established as Brownsville, and the city was incorporated in 1853; and

WHEREAS, Brownsville became a center of trade with Mexico and European nations; the city forged ahead in the 20th century with the installation of railroads and the expansion of commercial farming, and in 1936, the city established a port and shipping channel to the Gulf of Mexico; as the population has grown from 6,000 in 1900 to more than 180,000 today, the city has maintained its reputation as a hub of international culture; the largest city in the Rio Grande Valley, it serves as an active gateway between two countries that are joined by hundreds of years of custom and family; and

WHEREAS, Residents of Brownsville have fostered a tradition of progress that has continued into the new millennium; in 2001 and 2014, Brownsville was named an All-American City by the National Civic League for its outstanding accomplishments in

improving economic development, community health, and civic engagement; and

WHEREAS, Celebrating their rich history as they work to build an even brighter future, the citizens of Brownsville are justifiably proud of their community, and it is indeed fitting to honor their many contributions to the story of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 87th Legislature, hereby commemorate the 168th anniversary of the incorporation of Brownsville and extend to its residents sincere best wishes for continued happiness and success; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the City of Brownsville as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 23, 2021.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate