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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Cities of San Elizario and Socorro have  
2 established a sister city relationship with the town of  
3 Macharaviaya, Spain, and a delegation from San Elizario and Socorro  
4 is traveling to Macharaviaya to celebrate and affirm the cities'  
5 historical and cultural ties in October 2023; and

6           WHEREAS, Located in the province of Málaga, Macharaviaya was  
7 officially founded in 1572; with a current population of  
8 approximately 400 residents, Macharaviaya is a charming village  
9 with cobblestone streets and whitewashed, stone-wall houses; its  
10 focal point is the Iglesia de San Jacinto, which was built on the  
11 site of the original parish church; and

12           WHEREAS, Every year, Macharaviaya hosts a Fourth of July  
13 celebration to recognize its hometown hero, Bernardo de Gálvez, and  
14 his contributions to U.S. history; an honorary citizen of the  
15 United States, Mr. Gálvez supported the American Revolutionary War  
16 effort by providing supplies and intelligence to American forces  
17 and defeating the British in five military campaigns on U.S. soil;  
18 Mr. Gálvez was also instrumental in relocating a decommissioned  
19 Spanish presidio to the Hacienda de los Tiburcios in San Elizario;  
20 and

21           WHEREAS, San Elizario and Socorro are united in their  
22 commitment to promoting, protecting, and preserving Hispanic  
23 culture and history, and the delegates from San Elizario are  
24 participating in a speaking tour that is focused on the historical

1 importance of the Camino Real de Tierra Adentro and the Camino Real  
2 de Tierra Afuera; while visiting Macharaviaya, representatives  
3 from San Elizario and Socorro will deliver sister city agreements,  
4 and on October 13, they will direct a live-streamed signing  
5 ceremony involving the mayors of each city; and

6 WHEREAS, Boasting a rich and fascinating history,  
7 Macharaviaya, Spain, is distinguished further by its noteworthy  
8 role in the campaign for American independence, and its new sister  
9 cities agreement with San Elizario and Socorro offers a welcome  
10 opportunity for the citizens of each of these cities to reflect upon  
11 their shared history; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
13 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby recognize the sister city  
14 relationship between the cities of San Elizario and Socorro, Texas,  
15 and Macharaviaya, Spain, and extend to all those traveling to  
16 Macharaviaya sincere best wishes for a productive and enjoyable  
17 visit; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
19 prepared for the delegates as an expression of high regard by the  
20 Texas House of Representatives.