

1-1 By: Gámez (Senate Sponsor - Hinojosa of Nueces) H.C.R. No. 116
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 5, 2025;
1-3 May 5, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Administration; May 7, 2025, reported favorably by the following
1-5 vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 7, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-13	X			
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1-15 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-16 WHEREAS, The City of Brownsville has carried out an
1-17 innovative program to promote bicycling, and in so doing, the city
1-18 has become a well-known center for this healthy and environmentally
1-19 friendly activity; and

1-20 WHEREAS, Originally started as a way to promote exercise
1-21 among the city's residents and to combat obesity and diabetes, this
1-22 unique effort has helped to make bicycling an important part of
1-23 recreation and tourism in Brownsville as well as a more viable form
1-24 of local transportation; and

1-25 WHEREAS, The city has passed a number of ordinances to make
1-26 the community more bicycle friendly, and it has created an
1-27 extensive system of bicycle trails and on-street bike routes,
1-28 including the Historic Battlefield Trail; designated as a National
1-29 Recreational Trail by the U.S. Department of the Interior in 2013,
1-30 this nine mile route runs through the heart of the city and ends at
1-31 the Palo Alto Battlefield National Historic Park, the site of the
1-32 first clash in the Mexican-American War; and

1-33 WHEREAS, Since 2012, Brownsville has also regularly
1-34 sponsored CycloBia events; during these gatherings, certain
1-35 streets are closed to motor vehicles, and a multitude of
1-36 bicyclists, runners, and walkers turn out to enjoy the less
1-37 congested roadways; moreover, the city has partnered with
1-38 volunteers to create the Brownsville Bike Barn, which offers
1-39 residents lessons in bike safety and maintenance, and the
1-40 Earn-a-Bike Program, which allows people of all ages to receive a
1-41 bike in exchange for completing 25 hours of community service; and

1-42 WHEREAS, The city has benefited from the growth of private
1-43 groups of bike enthusiasts as well, including the Velociraptors
1-44 Cycling Team, the Brownsville Bike Brigade, the City Cruisers
1-45 Cycling Group, and the Brownsville River Rockets Cycling Club; in
1-46 addition, numerous locally owned bicycle shops operate in
1-47 Brownsville; and

1-48 WHEREAS, To build on the success of its earlier efforts, the
1-49 city updated its bicycle and trail master plan in 2021, outlining
1-50 further enhancements to enable bicyclists and walkers to more
1-51 easily travel throughout Brownsville; over the years, the city's
1-52 focus on biking and walking has helped it earn a Culture of Health
1-53 Prize from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation as well as
1-54 recognition as an All-America City by the National Civic League;
1-55 and

1-56 WHEREAS, By successfully promoting bicycling, Brownsville
1-57 has become a model for other Texas communities, attracting
1-58 additional visitors to the region and encouraging a fun,
1-59 beneficial, and sustainable way of life for its residents; now,
1-60 therefore, be it

1-61 RESOLVED, That the 89th Legislature of the State of Texas

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2-1 hereby redesignate Brownsville as the official Bicycling Capital of
2-2 the Rio Grande Valley; and, be it further
2-3 RESOLVED, That, in accordance with the provisions of
2-4 Section 391.003(e), Government Code, this designation remain in
2-5 effect until the 10th anniversary of the date this resolution is
2-6 finally passed by the legislature.

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