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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Business and community leaders from El Paso are
2 gathering in Austin on February 19, 2025, to celebrate El Paso Day
3 at the State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, The sixth-largest city in Texas, El Paso has the
5 distinction of being located where two countries and three states
6 converge, and together with its neighboring border city Juárez,
7 Chihuahua, Mexico, it forms the largest bilingual and binational
8 workforce in the Western Hemisphere; the El Paso region also
9 represents one of the largest manufacturing centers in North
10 America, and it boasts key ports of entry that make it a nexus for
11 international trade; area businesses are fortunate to be served by
12 the El Paso Chamber, which has taken the lead in promoting economic
13 prosperity and encouraging a favorable business climate in El Paso
14 for nearly 125 years; and

15 WHEREAS, This vibrant, bilingual, and bicultural community
16 is home to a number of exemplary educational institutions, museums,
17 and historical sites and to many cultural and fine arts offerings
18 that attract residents and visitors alike; and

19 WHEREAS, Designated as an All-America City by the National
20 Civic League, El Paso is recognized for its innovation,
21 inclusiveness, public engagement, and cross-border collaboration,
22 and it is consistently rated as one of the safest cities in the
23 nation; and

24 WHEREAS, The University of Texas at El Paso has received the

1 prestigious R1 designation from the Carnegie Classification of
2 Institutions of Higher Education, which recognizes the school's
3 outstanding research activities; UTEP is also noted for providing
4 access to a diverse, 21st-century demographic; and

5 WHEREAS, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso
6 is a stand-alone health sciences center and home to the first
7 medical school on the nation's southern border; the University
8 Medical Center, the primary teaching institution for TTUHSC
9 El Paso, features the region's only Level I Trauma Center; and

10 WHEREAS, The city of El Paso has a long and notable
11 association with the 175-year-old Fort Bliss, which serves as the
12 base of the 1st Armored Division, "America's Tank Division"; the
13 Borderplex region also includes the White Sands Missile Range, the
14 largest fully instrumented, open-air test range operated by the
15 U.S. Department of Defense, and Holloman Air Force Base, one of Air
16 Education and Training Command's busiest installations; in
17 acknowledgment of El Paso County's strong military presence,
18 continued partnership with Fort Bliss, and steadfast commitment to
19 veterans, it recently adopted the moniker of "Veterans Capital of
20 the U.S.A."; and

21 WHEREAS, El Paso is preparing for an exciting new era, as it
22 was the only Texas community to be awarded a Build Back Better grant
23 from the U.S. Economic Development Administration; the grant, which
24 will help El Paso pursue the development of advanced manufacturing
25 in the areas of aerospace and defense, was secured through the
26 efforts of UTEP's Aerospace Center, the El Paso Chamber, and the
27 City and County of El Paso; and

1 WHEREAS, An area with a rich and fascinating heritage,
2 El Paso has contributed immeasurably to the story of the Lone Star
3 State, and its citizens should take great pride in the
4 extraordinary city they call home; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
6 Legislature hereby recognize February 19, 2025, as El Paso Day at
7 the State Capitol and extend a warm welcome to the visiting
8 delegation.