

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, For 125 years, the El Paso Chamber of Commerce has  
2 taken the lead in promoting economic prosperity and shaping local  
3 policy, and El Paso business leaders and policymakers are visiting  
4 Austin for El Paso Days at the State Capitol on February 18 and 19,  
5 2025; and

6           WHEREAS, El Paso is uniquely situated between two nations and  
7 three states, making the city the largest binational metroplex in  
8 the United States; the surrounding region is one of the largest  
9 manufacturing centers in North America, and the El Paso ports of  
10 entry account for approximately 20 percent of the state's total  
11 trade activity; and

12           WHEREAS, Designated as a Great American Defense Community,  
13 the City of El Paso is recognized for its strong support of service  
14 members, veterans, and their families through community  
15 integration, economic opportunities, and a high quality of life; El  
16 Paso continues to foster innovation, workforce development, and  
17 collaboration, ensuring a welcoming and thriving environment for  
18 those who serve our nation; in addition, the City of El Paso's  
19 efforts in economic development were recently recognized with the  
20 Excellence in Economic Development Gold Award by the International  
21 Economic Development Council, highlighting its groundbreaking  
22 workforce programs and commitment to creating sustainable  
23 employment opportunities for all residents; and

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

1 prestigious R1 designation from the Carnegie Classification of  
2 Institutions of Higher Education, which recognizes its outstanding  
3 research activity; Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El  
4 Paso, a stand-alone health sciences center, is home to the Paul L.  
5 Foster School of Medicine, the first four-year medical school along  
6 the U.S.-Mexico border; the University Medical Center of El Paso  
7 houses the region's only Level 1 trauma center and serves as the  
8 primary teaching institution for TTUHSC El Paso; and

9         WHEREAS, The Borderplex region encompasses three significant  
10 military installations: Fort Bliss in El Paso, one of the largest  
11 military complexes in the United States and home to the 1st Armored  
12 Division, "America's Tank Division"; White Sands Missile Range in  
13 New Mexico, the Department of Defense's largest fully instrumented  
14 open-air range; and Holloman Air Force Base near Alamogordo, New  
15 Mexico, a key installation of the Air Education and Training  
16 Command; given the El Paso region's rich military history,  
17 continued partnership with Fort Bliss, and steadfast commitment to  
18 veterans, El Paso County declared itself the "Veterans Capital of  
19 the U.S.A." on November 1, 2022; and

20         WHEREAS, The El Paso region is driving innovation and  
21 economic expansion through strategic investments in advanced  
22 manufacturing, aerospace, and defense; with a strong foundation  
23 built on collaboration between industry leaders, academic  
24 institutions, and local government, El Paso is emerging as a hub for  
25 high-tech research, workforce development, and sustainable  
26 economic growth; the region continues to attract new opportunities  
27 that strengthen its position as a leader in global supply chains and

1 next-generation manufacturing; and

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

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas  
7 Legislature hereby recognize February 18 and 19, 2025, as El Paso  
8 Days at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation  
9 sincere best wishes for a memorable and meaningful event.

Moody  
González of El Paso  
Ordaz  
Morales of Maverick  
Perez of El Paso

Burrows	Guerra	Morales Shaw
Alders	Guillen	Morgan
Allen	Harless	Muñoz
Anchía	Harris	Noble
Ashby	Harris Davila	Olcott
Barry	Harrison	Oliverson
Bell of Kaufman	Hayes	Ordaz
Bell of Montgomery	Hefner	Orr
Bernal	Hernandez	Patterson
Bhojani	Hickland	Paul
Bonnen	Hinojosa	Perez of El Paso
Bowers	Holt	Perez of Harris
Bryant	Hopper	Phelan
Buckley	Howard	Pierson
Bucy	Hull	Plesa
Bumgarner	Hunter	Raymond
Button	Isaac	Reynolds
Cain	Johnson	Richardson
Campos	Jones of Dallas	Rodríguez Ramos
Canales	Jones of Harris	Romero
Capriglione	Kerwin	Rose
Cole	King	Rosenthal
Collier	Kitzman	Schatzline
Cook	LaHood	Schofield
Cortez	Lalani	Schoolcraft
Craddick	Lambert	Shaheen
Cunningham	Landgraf	Shofner
Curry	Leach	Simmons
Darby	Leo Wilson	Slawson
A. Davis of Dallas	Little	Smithee
Y. Davis of Dallas	Longoria	Spiller
Dean	Lopez of Bexar	Swanson
DeAyala	Lopez of Cameron	Talarico
Dorazio	Louderback	Tepper
Dutton	Lowe	Thompson
Dyson	Lozano	Tinderholt
Fairly	Lujan	Toth
Flores	Luther	Troxclair
Frank	Manuel	Turner
Gámez	Martinez	VanDeaver
Garcia of Bexar	Martinez Fischer	Vasut
Garcia of Dallas	McLaughlin	Villalobos
Garcia Hernandez	McQueeney	Virdell
Gates	Metcalf	Vo
Gerdes	Meyer	Walle
Geren	Meza	Ward Johnson
Gervin-Hawkins	Money	Wharton
González of Dallas	Moody	Wilson
González of El Paso	Morales of Harris	Wu
Goodwin	Morales of Maverick	Zwiener

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 188 was adopted by the House on February 19, 2025, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House