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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.