

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, A distinguished delegation from South Texas is  
2 visiting Austin on February 19, 2025, to celebrate Rio Grande  
3 Valley Day at the State Capitol; and

4           WHEREAS, Enjoying a strategic location on the Gulf of Mexico  
5 and along the Mexican border, the Rio Grande Valley was an important  
6 ranching region when Texas became the nation's 28th state in 1845;  
7 over time, the economy shifted from ranching to agriculture, and  
8 the Valley became the state's center of citrus and vegetable  
9 production; and

10           WHEREAS, In the 1960s, industry flourished and international  
11 trade became increasingly prominent; the region has contributed  
12 significantly to the tremendous increase in commerce across the  
13 United States-Mexico border, with more than 1.15 million trucks,  
14 11.7 million cars carrying 24.3 million passengers, 28,000 buses  
15 carrying over 300,000 passengers, and 6.2 million pedestrians  
16 crossing Rio Grande Valley ports of entry and averaging more than  
17 \$140 million in goods and services per day, with over \$51 billion in  
18 commercial trade per year flowing across various land ports of  
19 entry; the Rio Grande Valley is an economic powerhouse for the State  
20 of Texas with approximately \$47.16 billion in taxable sales  
21 recorded in reporting year 2024; and

22           WHEREAS, The Valley has around 1.4 million residents, with  
23 approximately 565,000 individuals under the age of 25, and local  
24 and state officials have focused on the need to expand access to

1 higher education and health care, strengthen the workforce,  
2 increase transportation and ports of entry infrastructure, and  
3 increase funding for public education; The University of Texas Rio  
4 Grande Valley serves some 35,000 students; the UTRGV School of  
5 Medicine is in its ninth year of operation with numerous GME  
6 programs and patient care sites; and

7 WHEREAS, The six higher education institutions in the Rio  
8 Grande Valley, The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, the Texas  
9 A&M University Higher Education Center at McAllen, the Texas A&M  
10 University Health Science Center, South Texas College, Texas  
11 Southmost College, and Texas State Technical College, serve a  
12 student population of more than 100,000; and

13 WHEREAS, Major sponsors for the day's legislative event  
14 include the Texas Regional Bank, UTRGV, the Edinburg Economic  
15 Development Corporation, Linebarger Attorneys at Law, Charter  
16 Communications, the City of Edinburg, Texas Gas Service, the Texas  
17 International Produce Association, AEP, Raise Your Hand Texas,  
18 NextDecade, Doctors Hospital at Renaissance, and AT&T, all of which  
19 are promoting greater regional cooperation in the 21st century; and

20 WHEREAS, A vibrant region with a rich heritage, the Rio  
21 Grande Valley is poised to take advantage of tremendous  
22 opportunities for continued economic development, and it is indeed  
23 most fitting to honor Valley residents for their dedication to  
24 building a bright and prosperous future for the area; now,  
25 therefore, be it

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas  
27 Legislature hereby recognize February 19, 2025, as Rio Grande

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1 Valley Day at the State Capitol and extend to all participants  
2 sincere best wishes for a productive and enjoyable visit.

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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. 299 was adopted by the House on February 19, 2025, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House