

By: Perez of El Paso

H.R. No. 1438

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Andrew Joseph Perez, a fifth-generation El Pasoan
2 and celebrated artist and multidisciplinary innovator, unveiled
3 the striking mural *Our Mother of the Northern Valley*, depicting
4 Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, on December 12, 2024, and this
5 exceptional contribution to El Paso's cultural landscape merits
6 special commendation; and

7 WHEREAS, Comprising over one million intricately hand-laid,
8 half-inch glass tiles, this monumental 48-by-33-foot mosaic is
9 prominently situated at the Nuestra Señora apartments, the Housing
10 Opportunity Management Enterprises new affordable housing
11 development on Montana Avenue, bridging historical heritage with
12 contemporary community identity; and

13 WHEREAS, The artwork honors the 365th anniversary of the
14 Misión de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe de los Mansos del Paso del
15 Norte, capturing Guadalupe not as a distant icon but as a living
16 symbol of borderland resilience, intertwining indigenous
17 traditions with Catholic faith, and reflecting the unique cultural
18 tapestry of El Paso-Juárez; and

19 WHEREAS, Andrew Joseph Perez, whose expansive creative
20 career includes achievements in photography, video direction,
21 painting, sculpture, educational games, literature, and
22 data-driven storytelling, returned to El Paso in 2009 to enhance
23 and reshape local narratives, employing emerging technologies and
24 innovative practices through his tech startup, Guide, and various

1 community-focused projects; and

2 WHEREAS, The unveiling event of the Nuestra Señora de
3 Guadalupe mural featured vibrant community participation,
4 including live music, cultural performances, and local vendors,
5 significantly contributing to the cultural and social enrichment of
6 downtown El Paso; and

7 WHEREAS, Through this visionary artistic accomplishment,
8 Andrew Joseph Perez continues to foster deep connections to place,
9 identity, and belonging, creating enduring symbols to unite past,
10 present, and future generations of El Pasoans; now, therefore, be
11 it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
13 Legislature hereby recognize Andrew Joseph Perez for the creation
14 of the Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe mural and extend to him sincere
15 best wishes for continued success with his artistic endeavors and
16 his contributions to the community; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for Mr. Perez as an expression of high regard by the Texas
19 House of Representatives.