

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 193

WHEREAS, Many proud residents of Harlingen are gathering in Austin on March 5, 2025, to celebrate Harlingen Day at the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, Since its founding in 1904, Harlingen has flourished as a center of commerce, culture, and connectivity in the Rio Grande Valley; its vital infrastructure, including the Port of Harlingen and the Free Trade International Bridge at Los Indios, positions it as a key gateway for regional and international trade; in addition, Southwest Airlines has been instrumental in the growth of Valley International Airport, enhancing Harlingen's role as a major hub for business and tourism; runway expansions and other recent upgrades have further strengthened its capacity for both passenger and cargo transport; and

WHEREAS, Harlingen is committed to distinguishing itself as a leader in higher education and workforce development; Texas State Technical College and The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley prepare students for careers in technology, health care, and other crucial industries; in addition, the city is a regional leader in the medical field, ensuring access to quality care and advancing education as the home of Valley Baptist Health System, Harlingen Medical Center, Su Clinica Harlingen, and the UTRGV Regional Academic Health Center; moreover, the local small business community fosters creativity and innovation; and

WHEREAS, Known for its warm climate and natural beauty, Harlingen draws numerous outdoor enthusiasts to its world-class birding sites, and it hosts the popular Rio Grande Valley Birding Festival; visitors and residents alike enjoy exploring cultural

landmarks, among them the Iwo Jima Monument and Museum and the revitalized historic downtown; and

WHEREAS, Residents of Harlingen take great pride in their city's diverse heritage while continuing to build on its many achievements of the modern era, and it is indeed fitting to honor the contributions they have made to the story of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 89th Legislature, hereby recognize March 5, 2025, as Harlingen Day at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere best wishes for a memorable and enjoyable stay in Austin.

Hinojosa of Nueces

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 5, 2025.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate