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S.R. No. 558

#### SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the City of Laredo on the occasion of its 270th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, In 1755 Captain Tomás Sánchez de la Barrera established a settlement under Spanish rule called Villa de San Agustín de Laredo; in the 270 years since Laredo was founded, the flags of Spain, France, Mexico, Texas, the Republic of the Rio Grande, the Confederate States, and the United States have flown over the city; and

WHEREAS, Today Laredo thrives as a hub of vibrant culture and community, serves as an important crossing point on the Rio Grande, and is North America's leading international trade port and international trading center; with a bright economic future, Laredo is one of the fastest-growing cities in the nation, and its residents benefit from the city's exemplary institutions of higher education and its prosperous retail, health services, and hospitality industries; and

WHEREAS, To commemorate the city's 270th anniversary, the Webb County Heritage Foundation, in collaboration with numerous community organizations, held daylong festivities in the city's San Agustín Plaza on May 17, 2025; enjoyable activities for residents and visitors alike included local markets, historical exhibits, live music, delicious dining, and a celebratory piñata

breaking; and

WHEREAS, Laredo's 270th anniversary provides the opportunity for its proud residents to remember their many accomplishments while looking forward to their city's bright future; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 89th Legislature, hereby extend congratulations to the City of Laredo on its 270th anniversary; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.