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H. RES. 1413

Recognizing the 271st anniversary of Laredo, Texas.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CUELLAR (for himself and Mr. McCAUL) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the 271st anniversary of Laredo, Texas.

Whereas, in 2026, Laredo, Texas, one of the oldest cities in the United States, will celebrate the 271st anniversary of its founding;

Whereas, over the span of its history, Laredo has been ruled under seven flags, including the flags of France, Spain, Mexico, the Republic of Rio Grande, Texas, the Confederacy, and the United States;

Whereas, in 1755, Spanish Captain Don Tomas Sanchez, along with settlers, founded Laredo as a Spanish settlement;

Whereas, in 1840, for 11 months, Laredo became its own nation, the Republic of Rio Grande;

Whereas, in 1848, following the end the Mexican-American War and signing of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, under which Laredo officially became part of Texas, where it remains a proud part of the rich history of the State of Texas;

Whereas, today, located at the center of the primary trade route connecting Canada, the United States, and Mexico, Laredo is a critical inland port of the United States, a gateway to increased trade with Mexico;

Whereas, known today as both the city under seven flags and the gateway city, Laredo has greatly benefited from its unique history and culture;

Whereas Laredo's urban core continues to be reinvigorated as commercial areas, residential communities, and diverse populations make this city their home;

Whereas 2026 marks the 250th Anniversary of the United States of America, known as America250, a nationwide commemoration of the Nation's founding on July 4, 1776, bringing together communities across the country in celebration of American history, culture, and the democratic ideals upon which the Nation was built; and

Whereas the 271st anniversary of Laredo marks Laredo a living symbol of the American story, a city founded in 1755 that has endured under seven flags, welcomed generations of families, and grown into a vital gateway city whose history is inseparable from the broader tapestry of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) recognizes and celebrates the 271st anniver-

3 sary of the founding of Laredo, Texas, and acknowl-

1 edges the city's singular place in American history
2 as the oldest independent settlement in the State of
3 Texas;

4 (2) honors the citizens of Laredo, Texas, for
5 their patriotism, their service to the United States,
6 and their contributions to the cultural, economic,
7 and civic life of the Nation;

8 (3) recognizes Laredo's extraordinary legacy of
9 surviving and thriving under seven flags, and salutes
10 its people for building a vibrant, bicultural commu-
11 nity on the banks of the Rio Grande;

12 (4) acknowledges that, as the United States
13 celebrates the 250th anniversary of its independence
14 on July 4, 2026, Laredo, Texas, stands as a proud
15 and enduring part of the American story; and

16 (5) calls upon all United States citizens, in the
17 spirit of the Nation's 250th anniversary, to discover
18 and honor the history of Laredo, Texas, as a power-
19 ful example of the deep roots, cultural richness, and
20 remarkable diversity that have always been at the
21 heart of the American experience.

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