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Commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the City of El Paso

HON. VERONICA ESCOBAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MS. ESCOBAR OF TEXAS: Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the rich history, culture, and community that the City of El Paso has built over the last 150 years.

The City of El Paso was officially incorporated in May 1873 by the Texas Legislature. Since the inception of the city, we have been inextricably linked with Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua and communities in Southern New Mexico. We are home to the Ysleta del Sur Tigua tribe, the University of Texas at El Paso, the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center, and Fort Bliss, our nation's second largest military installation. We are a dynamic region, a vibrant metroplex where cultures and traditions blend.

El Paso is known as the 'Sun City,' where people can enjoy a Chihuahuas or Locomotives game, go on a hike or bike ride on a scenic trail in Franklin Mountains State Park, walk through our historic downtown, or enjoy the poppies in the spring at the Castner Range National Monument. The beauty of our Chihuahuan desert is unmatched. And at night, the Star on the Franklin Mountain always shines bright.

The City of El Paso is one of a kind. Our people are known to be warm, friendly, and hard-working. Our city comes together for unifying events, as we did for the Chamizal Treaty of 1963 when the United States and Mexico came into a peaceful settlement of a century-long dispute. We are a community of kindness and good will, one that always welcomes the stranger. But we also come together to love and help each other during times of great challenge, as we did after the domestic terrorist shooting on August 3, 2019 that took 23 souls. El Pasoans are resilient and we have never lost touch with our humanity.

I am proud to call the City of El Paso my home and it is my privilege to honor the 150th anniversary of our beautiful city. The future is bright for our community.

Respectfully,

Veronica Escobar
Member of Congress