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Regarding: Senate

Message:

Please accept the resolution attached which was adopted on 10/4/2021 by the El Paso County Commissioners Court.

Judge Ricardo Samaniego

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EL PASO COUNTY
STATE OF TEXAS



RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the proposed congressional map by the Texas Senate would carve out Fort Bliss and the El Paso International Airport from District 16, which is an El Paso based congressional district and place these 2 vital assets in District 23, which is based in San Antonio; and,

WHEREAS, if the proposed map is approved, this would preference a representative that lives over 550 miles away versus a representative who calls El Paso home and who is familiar with the needs and services of El Paso County constituents; and,

WHEREAS, the El Paso Airport is a catalyst for economic development and plays an important role in the growth of the El Paso community, and it is crucial that we have El Paso based representation as we are not willing to risk any loss of federal funding. This past year, our airport received federal assistance through CARES funding, CRRSA funding, and ARPA funding through the efforts of Congresswoman Veronica Escobar; and,

WHEREAS, \$3.3 billion of goods moved through the airport's Foreign Trade Zone No.68 and \$542 million of merchandize was exported from our foreign trade zone to other countries in 2020. Foreign Trade Zone No. 68 is directly responsible for 2,055 jobs; and,

WHEREAS, Fort Bliss has a \$4 billion impact on the local economy and data shows the installation directly employs over 47,000 people and indirectly employs another 83,898 people which makes Fort Bliss the single largest employer in the El Paso region, and directly contributes to the livelihood of at least 1 in 5 people in El Paso; and,

WHEREAS, El Paso taxpayers have invested heavily in infrastructure and quality of life improvements directly and indirectly affecting Fort Bliss, at a rate of \$6.8 billion over 15 years, to support the Army's mission and operations; and,

WHEREAS, there are approximately 37,000 active duty family members that reside in the region and in 2020 3,000 soldiers decided to make El Paso there home after being released from active duty; and,

WHEREAS, El Paso is a proud military community as Fort Bliss and El Paso are linked by both geography and economic development. We are grateful to State Senator Cesar Blanco who stood up for El Paso on the Senate floor to ensure El Paso remains protected. We call on the Texas Senate to echo the changes Senator Blanco is fighting for.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the El Paso County Judge and Commissioners Court urges the Texas Senate Redistricting Committee to support El Paso by ensuring Fort Bliss and the El Paso International Airport remain in Congressional District 16.

SIGNED, this 4th day of October 2021

Commissioner Carlos Leon, Pct. 1

Commissioner David Stout, Pct. 2

Commissioner Iliana Holguin, Pct. 3

Commissioner Carl L. Robinson, Pct. 4

County Judge Ricardo A. Samaniego