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Recognizing the 250th anniversary of Laredo, Texas.

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Mr. CUELLAR (for himself, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. CULBERSON, Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, Mr. McCAUL of Texas, Mr. CONAWAY, Mr. PAUL, Mr. HINOJOSA, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. NEUGEBAUER, Mr. GONZALEZ, Mr. BONILLA, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. ORTIZ, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, and Mr. SMITH of Texas) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the 250th anniversary of Laredo, Texas.

Whereas in 2005, Laredo, Texas, one of the oldest cities in the United States, will celebrate the 250th 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 settlers founded Laredo as a Spanish settlement, and in 1840, for 11 months, Laredo became its own nation, the Republic of Grande;

Whereas in 1845, the annexation of Texas by the United States led to the declaration of war against Mexico and to the 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 the most important inland port of the United States, a gateway to increased trade with Mexico, and the fastest growing city east of the Rocky Mountains;

Whereas known today as both the city under seven flags and the gateway city, Laredo has greatly benefited from its colorful history and culture, and its urban core continues to be reinvigorated as commercial areas, residential communities, and diverse populations make this city their home; and

Whereas starting on January 16, 2005, and ending in December 2005, Laredo will celebrate its achievements, history, and culture with a yearlong anniversary celebration: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives recog-
- 2 nizes the 250th anniversary of Laredo, Texas.

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